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Date of Sailing.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with,	Tons.
Saturday, 2 P.M. 1906				
5th Jan.	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
12th Jan	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6532
20th "	PERSIA	7951	......	......
27th "	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
3rd Feb.	EGYPT	7912	......	......
10th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7911
17th "	CHINA	7912	......	......
24th "	PENINSULAR	5294	BRITANNIA	6525
3rd Mar.	ARABIA	7903	......	......
10th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	10009
17th "	MACEDONIA	10512	......	......
24th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	10000
31st "	PERSIA	7951	......	......
7th Apl.	ORIENTAL	5284	MOOLTAN	10000
14th "	EGYPT	7912	......	......
21st "	PENINSULAR	5294	MARMORA	10509
28th "	CALEDONIA	7558	......	......
5th May	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6522
12th "	ARABIA	7903	......	......
19th "	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
26th "	MACEDONIA	10512	— —	......

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VILLE de la CIOTAT	6,630	Etienne	19th Apr. "
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DWARKA.	1700	Tues.	9 Jan.	4 p.m.	Kathiawar Ports
KOLA	1200	Thur.	11 Jan.	10 a.m.	Cutch Mandvie
LAMA	2170	Frid,	5 Jan.	11 a.m.	(direct.)

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FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Matcovich	6046	26th March "
*† AUSTRIA	R. Colledani	7600	9th April "
MARQ. ACQUEHEM	A. Bliaffer	4766	20th " "

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Karachi	40	..	40	...	40	...

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				1905	1905	1906	1906
B	City of Madrid	4899	*Knaut	13th Dec	26th " 1906	8th Jan	13th Jan
B	Merton Hall	4331	Prowse.	20th " 1906	2nd Jan	16th "	21st "
B	Aston Hall.	3637	M'Fee.	3rd Jan.	16th "	30th "	4th Feb

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JOHN HAND,
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Dated 5th January, 1906.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce have appointed MONDAY and TUESDAY, 15th and 16th January, Current, for the purpose of BALLOTING for the ELECTION of a CHAIRMAN of the Chamber for the year 1906.

The BALLOT BOX will be OPEN at the Offices of the Chamber from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M., on each of the above days.

By Order of the Committee,
L. B. LESLIE-ROGERS,
Secretary.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay up to 1 P.M. on MONDAY, the 15th day of January, 1906, for the work of paving with BLUE STONE SLABS portions of Foot path along Ripon Road.

2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may, on payment, of Rs. 5, be obtained from the Undersigned, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500 (Five Hundred) to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
JOSEPH HALL, M. INST. C.E., M. I., M. E. &c.,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.
Executive Engineer's Office,
Bombay, 4th January, 1906.

BOMBAY FLOWER SHOW.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

INTENDING Competitors are asked to intimate to the Secretaries dates on which they would like to have Exhibits judged when arrangements will be made for the Judges to visit their compounds as near the time mentioned as possible.

No judging will be done after 7th January, 1906.

T. W. CUFFE,
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3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more items from any Tender without reference to the other items on the same Tender, and the Tenderer shall be required to supply the same at the rates quoted.

4. Tenders should be superscribed with headings as above and a deposit of Rupees one thousand should accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered. Only cash, currency notes or Government Promissory notes will be received as deposit, and if the latter they must be endorsed in favour of "The Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company or order."

5. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

G. R. WEBB,
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Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust Messrs, BENNETT & Co. will, THIS-DAY FRIDAY, the 5th instant at 4 p.m. sell by Public Auction on the premises the whole of the building materials of House No. 16, Case No 157, and Ward No. 1127-1128 Autobawadi and House 12-18, Case No. 210 and Ward No. 1151 Patakwadi.

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Firstly.—All that or piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage, tenement or bungalow together with the stable and outhouses standing thereon, lying and being on the east side of Napean Sea Road, Malabar Hill, containing by admeasurement 590 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 30 and 31, New Nos. 16356 and 16369, old survey No. 5-29 and new Survey No. 1 and 2-7214 and assessed by the Municipality under D Ward No. 3290 and Street No. 25 35 and bounded as follows :—On or towards the east by the Mount Pleasant Road, on or towards the west by the Nepean Sea Road, and or towards the north partly by Nepean Sea and partly by Mount Pleasant Road and on the south by the property secondly hereinafter described.

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On TUESDAY, the 9th instant at 4 p.m., on the premises,

Fourthly.—All that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground belonging to the Cathedral of N. S. De Esperansa, together with the messuage, tenements, or dwelling-house built and standing thereon situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay, at Dongree Street, on the eastern side thereof, in the Registeration Sub district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement two hundred and ninety-six square yards, be the same little more or less assessed by the Assesor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward Nos. 3633 and 2685, and Street Nos. 703-705, 707 779, and 711 and bounded on the east by a sweeper's passage, on the west by the said Dongree Street, on the north by a charitable property and on the south by the property of Gulam Hoosein Moledina which said premises are at present in the occupation of the several tenants of Jafferbhai Rahimtoola Chinicamwalla, deceased.

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Cooked, ready for table, whole or half Ham	„	2	0
Cooked, in slices	„	2	8

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		Rs.	A.
Harris' Crown Brand, Real Wilt's Middle, Special Cure, 20 to 30 lbs. each	„	1	2
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Boneless in slices	per tin	1	4

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		Rs.	A
GORGONZOLA Real, 12 to 18 lbs. each	per lbs.	1	4
GORGONZOLA Real, on cut	„	1	6
Cheshire, English	„	1	0
Gruyere, finest quality	„	1	0
Chedder, Pale Loaf, about 12 lbs. each	„	0	14
American Cheshire	„	0	12
Double Gloster	„	0	14
Edams, Dutch (whole Cheese only about 4 lbs. each)	„	0	12
Imperial in Jars	per jar	1	0
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Ilderton, 2015 tons, Captain J.P. Crooks, sailed yesterday for Gaeston, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Oronsay, 2415 tons, Captain A Ells, will sai to-day for Antwerp, with a general cargo

THE B I S N Co's steamer Wardha, 2562 tons, Captain J Wilson, sailed yesterday for Calcutta via Coast ports, with a general cargo and 200 deck passengers

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

R I M S Hardinge.. Comdr St John ......R I Marine
R I M S Dufferin Comdr St L S Warden......R I Marine
R I M S Canning Comdr A J Marsack......R I Marine

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

Three Torpedo Boats......Royal Navy
Juba ......184 Wilson......B E A Protectorate
R I M S Mayo.....Brownlow......R I M

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—Jan. 4.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Eden (bque)	414	Soutar			The Captain
Kasara	505	Browning			M M & Co
Tientsin	3690	Andrews	Stream	28-10	P & O Co
Pundit	3852	Crebbin	K'chi	N F	T M & Co
Caledonia	3522	Torque	London		P & O Co
Mazagon	3980	Hall			P & O Co
Dagrun	620	Lunden			F F C & Co
Courtfield	2814	Martin			I M & Co
Plassy		Dowell Spin	Transport		
Oriental	3025	Lewellin			P & O Co
Lawrie Qroutpool	2110		Sharpness	10-1	BalliBros
Rein	726	Mathisen			F F C & Co
Lawada	2124	Lemarchand			M M & Co
M W D D Berne	1899	GreyShaw			Wallace & Co
Angola	3800	Cameron			F M & Co
Madura	1273	McLean			M M & Co
C & R Trenthen Hall	2235	Clement			K N & Co
Forest Dale	2785	Noale Rand			& Co
Sirdhana	2074	Manrice	N F		M M & Co
Nizam	2041	Corkhill			T M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Clan Shaw	2502	Simpson	Chittagong	5-1	F M & Co
B	Morocco	2406	Boxhall	K'chi	5-1	F Muir & Co
F	Oronsay	7115	Markey	Antwerp	6-1	Mackay
G	Afghan	1439	Doster		13-1	Mauritius H Cassum
K	st ride	H2514	Migel	Liverpool	6-1	A Lloyd's Co
M	Bengal	2751	Cooke	Jeddah	5-1	P Tajbhoy
N	Sir John Jackson	2765	Horkness	Port Said		Hull 5-1 Ralli Bros
O	Sultan	4871	Burmeister	Zanzibar	16-1-05	A Strandas
H	Rahmuni	1872	Sheriff	Jedah	2-1	B & P S N Co
P	Ilderton	2015	Crooks	Garston	4-1-6 36-12	R A Willis
Q	Troutpool	2110	Lawrie			Sharpness Ralli Bros
R	Crew Hall	2691	Parry			K Nixon & Co

P. D. H. W.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
	Bahaduri	829	Fakheera	Karachi	6-1	Shepherd & Co
	Puri	643	Fakeera	Mangalore	5-1	Shepherd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
3	Stephanotis	2584	Howse	Liverpool	8-1	W & A G & Co
5	Maria V.	2042	Bratolc	Trieste	6-1	A L S N & Co
6	Shirala	3389	Brown			M M & Co
8	Angola	2809	Cameron	Hamburg	13-0	F Muir & Co
16	Patiala	[illegible]	Willisher	Zanzibar	3-1	M M & Co
7	Satara	2635	Ford	L'pool	13-1	Morrison & Co
9	Simla	3823	Goldsmith	Hong Koug	23-1	P & O Co
2	Lhasa	926	McDiarmed			M M & Co

V D H W.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
	Lama	948	Williams	Karachi	5-1	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
4	R I M S Canning	Marsack	Madras, Dec 28
	R I M S Dufferin	Warden	Hanowar, Dec 29

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
4	Kasara s	Culbush	Persian Gulf, &c
	Rahmani s	Sheriffs	Jedah
	Wardha s	Wilson	Calcutta, &c
	Ilderton s	Crooks	Garston

The steamer Oronsay, Capt Ellis, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Answerp :—

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Capri for China,
„ Crewe Hall for Antwerp Hull, &c.
„ Rem for Bangkok.
„ Delhi for China, &c.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S and Co's Uganda left Portsaid on the morning of the 2nd.

The Anchor Line "Circassia" left Liverpool for Bombay on the morning of the 3rd.

The Clan Line "Clan Farguhar," arrived in London on the morning of the 3rd.

The Clan Line s s "Clan Macneil," arrived at Suez from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta on the morning of the 3rd.

The City Line s s "City of Athens" left Liverpool for Calcutta on the afternoon of the 3rd.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 4

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Stephanotis s—15000 cwt wheat Sandy and Co, 600 cwt dillseed and 3301 cwt metheyseed Baner and Kranse 2000 cwt oil cakes Glade and Co, 6000 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 25 bales wool A Chagla and Co

FROM LONDON.

Caledonia s—2000 cwt cottonseed Volkart Bros 1 cases condiments Thos Cook and Son

FOR BOSTON.

Caledonia s—16 beles skins A Bahim and Co

FOR HULL.

Sir John Jackson s—25250 cwt cotton seed Ralli Bros

Crewe Hall s—14338 cwts cotton seed Ralli Bros

FOR SHARPNESS.

Troutpool s—2600 cwt oil cakes and 18080 cwt cotton seed Ralli Bros

FOR DUNKIRK.

St Bride s—770 bales cotton Gaddum and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Sabara s—330 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 1219 bales cotton Ralli Bros 100 bales hemp J N Kapadea and Co, 1090 bales cotton Valkart Bros 440 bales cotton The Bombay 125 bales hemp K Visram and, 2000 cwt gingelly seed Ernst Lam and Co, 330 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 200 bales cotton Ernst Lam and Co

FOR HAMBURG.

Angola s—8497 cwt teelseed Ralli 220 bales cotton and 4002 cwt gingellysed A Blascheck and Co, 225 bales hemp P Bhimjee 2000 cwt oil cake R B Sajan

FOR HAVRE.

St Bride s—210 bales cotton G Tijpal and Co

FOR TRIESTE.

Maria Valerie s—1025 bales cotton Ralli Brothers

FOR VENICE.

Maria Valerie s—406 bales cotton Ralli Bros

COMBRIDGE'S LIST.

HEINEMANN'S FAVOURITE SHAKESPEARE.

Cloth 8 Annas Each.
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COMEDY OF ERRORS.
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[illegible],
JULIUS CAESAR,
KING HENRY IV Part I.
KING HENRY IV Part II.
KING HENRY V,
KING HENRY VI Part I.
KING HENRY VI Part II.
KING HENRY VI Part III.
KING HENRY VIII,
KING JOHN.
KING LEAR.
KING RICHARD II.
KING RICHARD III.
LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST.
LUCRECE.
MACBETH.
MEASURES FOR MEASURE.
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.
MERRY WIVES OF WINSOR.
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.
OTHELLO.
PERICLES.
ROMEO AND JULIET.
SONNETS.
TAMING OF THE SHREW.
THE TEMPEST.
TIMON OF ATHENS.
TITUS ANDRONICUS.
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TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA.
TWELFTH NIGHT.
VENUS AND ADONIS.
THE WINTER'S TALE.

A. J. COMBRIDGE & CO.
Esplanade Road, BOMBAY.

FOR KOBE.

Courtfield s—1000 bales cotton G Tajpal and Co, 4000 bales cotton K Gokuldas and Co. 200 bales cotton Tata and Co, 2000 bales cotton C Ebrahim and Co, 2000 bales cotton G Dossa and Co. 650 bales cotton Ralli Bros

Delhi s—50 cwt gum H Ramjee

FOR SHANGHAI.

Delhi s—300 bales twist David 50 bales twist N J Abrahim 590 bales twist C Bomonji and Co, 600 bales twist E Noordin and Co, 100 bales twist N Phiroz 1490 bales twist Tplati and Co, 1000 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co, 1700 bales twist Sasson J Daved and Co, 625 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co, 1050 bales twist R S N Talati and Co

Capri s—1000 bales twist Sasson J David and Co

FOR HONGKONG.

Delhi s—1000 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co. 1015 1015 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co. 900 bales twist E D Sasson and Co. 150 bales twist J David 600 bales twist E Noordin and Co, 300 bales twist Talati and Co, 141 cwt shark fins and fishmaws C Ebrahim and Co, 361 bales twist Sasson J David and Co; 75 bales twist 152 cwt myrabollams M M Essabhey 2 cases Cambay stone E Noordin and Co. 580 cwts ooplate P F Talati 100 cwt olibaaum D Canji 5 1-4 cwt shark fins C Megji

SYSTEMATIC FALSE COINING.

SMART ARRESTS BY THE POLICE.

THE Criminal Investigation Department of the Bombay Police have creditably succeeded in apprehending three men who are alleged to be reputed with being systematic false coiners, and are said to have carried on the game for some time past. For a long time a large number of counterfeit four anna pieces have been circulating in the bazaar and the Criminal Investigation Department had their men promptly put on the alert. It was not, however, till a month ago that they got on the scent of three men, named respectively Mahomed Min valad Goolam Mahomed, a Punjabi, Wazirkhan Goolam-Khan, a Pathan, and Tajidin valad Chudubux, a Punjabi. The firstnamed is a native of Jhelum, the second a native of Banda, near Delhi, and the third a native of Jullunder. The first two men are new arrivals in Bombay, having come here from their native places only a couple of months back, but the third man has been a resident of Bombay for no less than twelve years. On first hearing of the men they were traced to 6th Lane Kamatipura, but when they discovered that the Police were on their track they disappeared, but were eventually traced to Memonwada Road, and their movements were closely watched. On Wednesday evening they were purchasing some vegetables on De Lisle Road when the coins which they tendered were found to be counterfeit, and they were placed under arrest. On being searched, fifteen counterfeit four-anna pieces were found on Mahomed, twenty-two similar coins on Wazirkhan, and on Tajidin's house being subsequently searched, a die and some counterfeit coins were found.

The three men were placed before Mr. C.H. Setalvad, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagaon Police Court, yesterday afternoon, when the case was remanded in order to enable the Police to make further inquiries in the matter.

Great credit is due to Mr. Mirza Mahomad Ali, Acting Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department, and to Inspector Sikander Khan, for bringing about these smart arrests.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

The "Bombay Government Gazette" Dec 21.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr H L Painter B A (Oxon) I C S to be Assist Political Agent Savanur vice Mr J Monteath B A Cantab I C S

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr J H Garrett I C S Assist Collr in the dist of Ratnagiri is appointed to be a Magte of the Second Class in that dist.

Mr Garrett is also appointed to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay

Mr Manishankar Mancharam Joshi, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Anand in the dist of Kaira, to exercise the powers of a Mamlatdar within the limits of the villages in the Anand Taluka

Mr K W Barlee, I C S, Assist Collr and Magt of the First Class in the dist of Satara, to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in section 260 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

Mr Abdul Gaffar Baig, Mahalkari, petha Mundargi in the dist of Dharwar, to exercise the powers of a Mamlatdar.

Mr B Raghavendrarao, Cleark of the Court, First Class Subordinate Judge s Court, Dharwar, passed on the 19th Dec an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard

Mr Waman Ramchandra Kulkarni, Subordinate Judge, Mahad, to be Subordinate Judge, Erandol

Mr Vishnu Vithal Kamat, Subordinate Judge, Erandol, to be Subordinate Judge Mahad

YACHT CLUB RACES.

The following Races will be sailed on Saturday next :—

"A" Class Yachts Handicap Race—Start at 3-45 p. m. Standard time. Course No. 7.

"B" Class Yachts Handicap Race—Start at 4 p.m. Standard time. Course No. 5.

"Tomtit" Class and Small Boat Handicap Race—Start at 4-5 p. m. Course No. 5.

Entries will be closed at 6 p.m. (to-day) Friday.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Jan. 3.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89 7-16	= + 3 16
3 do. Rentes	99 1-4	= — 1-4
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	105 1-4	= unchanged
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 7-8	= + 1-16

SILVER—

Spot in London	30	= —1-16
2 months hence	29 3-8	= —1-16
Spot in New York	64 3-4	= — 1-8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·11	= + 1-2
Berlin „	20·43 1-2	= + 1-2
New York Demand	4·85 1-2	= unchanged

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per cent =	do
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3-4	do	= +1-8
6 „ „	3 3-8	do	= unchanged
3 „ „ Fine Trade Bills	4 1-8	do	= +1-8
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4	do	= unchanged

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	2 1-2	do	= do
7 day market loans	3	do	= — 1-8

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £75,000.

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 1,00,00,000

Rs. 34·60	were allotted to Calcutta	
Rs. 9·80	do	Bombay
Rs. 5·60	do	Madras

Rs. 50·00 at 1s 4 1/16d.

Minimum rate received 10 per cent, average rate 16·06

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. nil	were allotted to Calcutta,	
Rs. 50·00	do	Bombay
Rs. nil	do	Madras

Rs. 50·00 at 1s, 4 1/8d.

Minimum rate received full average rate 16·13

Total amount sold during the week, Rs. 1,04,90,000

Amount to be allotted next week, Rs. 1,00,00,000

Extra allotments Bills on Bombay Rs. 20,000 at 1s 4 3-32d.

SUGAR—

German granulated 1st marks 10 3-4 Jan. sellers steady,

COFFEE—

Coffee in New York 8 1-8 + 1-16

ACRRIVALS—

Steamers Kt. Bachelor and Argenfels.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian dull. Manchester easier. Total Sales 1,000. Spot 6 12+2. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 3-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 16,000. Futures closed steady.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
6·03	6·06	6·09
+5	+4	+3
April-May	May-June.	June-July
6·12	6·15	6·16
+3	+3	+3
July.-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct
6·18	6·09	5·89
+4	+4	+6

Receipts at U S Ports	29,000
Do last year	49,000
Exports to Great Britain	14,000
Do do Continent	2,000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	11·85 + 10	a
Futures, month of March	11·55 + 7	
Do. do. July	11·75 + 6	

a Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later in consequence of bull support and short covering.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	11 9-16
Futures, month of March	11·81+12
Do. do. May	11·91+14
Tone at close	steady.

Liverpool qutations for East Indian cotton are all reduced 1-16d.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd Jan. 1905 :—

Cotton	20,955 bales.
Wheat	2,070 cwts.
Linseed	1,671 do
Rape, Ral and Mustard	583 do
Gingellyseed	10,094 do
Poppyseed	216 do
Groundnut	81 do
Castorseed	997 do
Rice	10,997 do
Myrabollams	3,887 do
Cottonseed	18,524 do
Mowraseed	17 do
Gram	2,615 do
Joowar	195 do
Maize	371 do

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Gold Bullion Rs. 5,39,435	Ex s. s.	Simla
Silver Bullion Rs. 2 03,607	do.	Simla from Australia
Gold Bullion Rs. 37,800	do.	Oriental from London

BOMBAY, JAN. 4.

EXCHANGE.—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.			1s. 4 3-32d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4 3-32d
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.			1s. 4 11-32d.
Do. 6	do.	do.	1s. 4 15-32d.
French Francs 3 do.	do.		171
Marcks 3 do.	do.		139 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days Sight			147
Shanghai 30	do.		206
Japan 30	do.		150

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone.

Cash	97·12
1st Settlement, 5th January	97·13
2nd do. 31st „	98·2

Money Market. Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 14th Dec.	7	do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 14th „	7	do.
Bank of Madras	do. 19th „	5	do.

SEEDS.

	Rs.	a	p.
LINSEED—Tone firm.			
Ready	7	14	0
Forward Apl.-May	8	2	0
RAPESEED.—Tone firm.			
Brown Cawnpore Ready	7	0	0
Do. Forward Apl-May	7	3	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	7	8	0
POPPYSEED—Tone firm.			
Ready	8	12	0
Forward May	8	8	0
CASTORSEED—Tone firm.			
Ready	33	8	0
Forward May	33	0	0
GINGELLYSEED—Tone strong.			
Howree Khandeish	45	8	0
15 per cent Mixed	45	5	0
WHEAT—Tone firm.			
White Delhi ready	44	8	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 Bales
Imports	17,000 „

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	
5·04	6·07	
—1	—1	
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May	May-June
6·10	6·13	6·16
—1	—1	—1
June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sep.
6·17	6·19	6·10
—1	—1	—1
Sep.-Oct.		
5·90		
—1		

COTTON.—The Market is steadier to-day and prices have improved about Rs. 2 to 3 per candy. There is a moderate enquiry from shippers and native dealers for forward delivery, and a fair turnover is reported at Colaba in spot cotton. Closing Sutta quotations are.

Bengals Fully Good January ......Rs. 190
Broach M.-G. Good March......„ 254

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Fine.	F.-G.	Good.	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	198	190	...	25th Jan.
Bengals (M.-G.) Ry. terms	205	195	...	25th Jan.
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	207	197	...	25th Jan.
Oomrawutte (descriptions) M.-G.	218	212	...	25th Jan.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	214	209	...	25th Jan.
Khamgaum, fair staple (M.-G.)	219	213	...	25th Jan.
Karanja do. (M.-G)				
Akola do. (M.-G.)				
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.)	229	223	...	25th Jan.
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)	232	226	...	25th Jan.
Nagpur Kampti (M.-G.)	236	230	...	25th Jan.
Broach (M.-G.)	268	254	...	25th Mar.
Muttia (M.-G.)	218	...	212	25th Jan.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	dul l
Good Bhownugger	4 25-32
The Manchester Market has been	easier
2 1/2 per cent Consols	89 7-16
3 per cent Rentes	99
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	105 1-4
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 7-8
Bar Silver	30

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BOMBAY,

BIRTH.

McBAIN—January 4th, at Bombay the wife of J. A. D McBain of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CRAIK—December 28th at Lahore, the wife of H. D. Craik I. C. S. of a daughter.

DEATHS.

GRAY—December 7th at Sea, the Venerable Henry James Spence Gray, M A, Archdeacon of Lahore, aged 48.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 34m. Sun sets, 5h. 36m. High water, 6-27m, 8-57a. Low water, 0-47m., 1-37a.

P. and O. s. s. Delhi with English mails of 21st ultimo due to arrive at noon.

Municipal Standing Committe, 3-30 p. m. (Bombay time.)

Novelty Theatre, the Bandmann Opera Company.

POLICE NOTICE.—A cycle lamp and two currency notes, a feather box and a watch and links have been taken charge of by the Police and await owners.

ST. PETER'S MAZAGON.—Arrangements have been made for holding the services on Sunday next in the St. Peter's Boys' Day School. The services will be Holy Communion at 6-30 a.m., and 8-30 a.m. and evening song at 6-30 p.m

BURNT TO DEATH.—A Hindu girl named Anoosayabai, aged 15, residing at Arthur Road, was on Wednesday night attending to some cooking operations near a fireplace when her saree caught fire and she was extensively burnt all over her body. She was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital where she died shortly after admission.

ACCIDENT IN PRINCESS STREET.—Mahadu Raghu, a Hindu labourer, aged 20, was on Wednesday evening working at a Mortar Mill on the Improvement Trust ground at Princess Street, when his left arm was caught in the machinery, causing a dislocation of the shoulder. He was removed to the G. T. Hospital where the injured arm had to be amputated.

THE STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD.—On Sunday next Professor N. G. Wellinkar M.A., LL.B. will deliver his opening address on "Education and Culture" at 9 a.m. (Standard time), in the Parthana Mandir, Girgaum. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batty has kindly consented to take the chair. The Junior Class of the Brotherhood also will reopen on Sunday next, at 9 a.m where an address will be delivered.

POCKET-PICKING IN THE DOCKS—Mr. C. H. Setalvad, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, yesterday disposed of the case in which Inspector Spiers charged Tookaram Mahadu, a Hindu, with stealing a purse containing Rs.75 from the pocket of a pilgrim, named Cumroodin Sharfudin, on Wednesday morning, while the latter was standing among the crowd at the disinfection shed in the docks. The accused pleaded guilty and admitted four previous convictions. The Magistrate sentenced the accused to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment, two months of which will be in solitary confinement, and further to receive eighteen stripes and after his release from jail to report his residence to the Police for a period of three years.

A WOMAN ROBBED.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. C. H. Setalvad, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Priestley charged Fridaally Abbhai and Abdul Hoosein Hooseinbhai, Borhas, with theft of ornaments and clothing valued at Rs. 270 belonging to one Hoosenbhai, a Mahomedan woman. The evidence showed that the complainant went out about noon on the 20th ultimo, locking her room, and on her return at about 7 p. m. found her room broken open and the property carried away. Information was given to the police, who arrested the first accused on the 30th ultimo. He made a statement which led to the arrest of the second accused and the recovery of the major portion of the property which had been pledged with Marwarees. Both the accused admitted previous convictions and his Worship sentenced the first accused to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment, two months of which were to be spent in solitary confinement, and ordered to receive twenty-five stripes; and the second accused to 12 months' rigorous imprisonment, one month of which was to be spent in solitary confinement.

GIVEN THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. N. W. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub Inspector Jennet prosecuted Cooversay Kesavji, a Hindu cotton merchant and a resident of Indore, for causing obstruction on a public thoroughfare on the afternoon of the 9th ultimo in Shaik Memon Street. Mr. Rustom B. Parekh, pleader, defended the accused The story for the prosecution was that on the afternoon in question Mr. Jennet sent Babaji Ganooji, P. C., 1691-C in Shaik Memon Street to arrest those who obstructed the public thoroughfare. The accused was one of those arrested speculating on the road. The accused pleaded not guilty, and called forth evidence to show that he was not a resident of Bombay, nor did he ever speculate there. He had come from Indore to settle his accounts in Bombay. On the evening in question he had been in the Shaik Memon Street to make purchases of hosiery from hawkers, and he had entries in his diary to show that the purchases were made that evening. As there was no sufficient evidence to establish the charge, his Worship gave the accused the benefit of the doubt and discharged him.

A BAREFACED THEFT.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. N. W. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector O'Brien prosecuted Ibrahim Bahadur, a Mahomedan mill-hand lad, living at Madanpura for house breaking and theft. Evidence showed that Hajimulla Hansimulla, the complainant, and brother-in-law of the accused, also a mill-hand and residing at the house at Khara Talao, left his home for work on Wednesday morning leaving his wife in care of the house. He returned home late in the evening, when his wife showed him a pair of somebody's shoes in the house, which she could not account for how they came to be there, but thought somebody must have visited the place during her short absence from home. The complainant recognized the shoes as those of the accused, his wife's brother, whom he had forbidden coming to his house. The complainant, then examined his boxes and found one left open and a few silver ornaments missing therefrom, valued at about Rs. 12. He went immediately in search of the accused and found him on the Duncan Road. A complaint was made to the police and the accused was arrested. On a search being made, a metal watch, two rupees and a few annas were found on him. The accused made a statement and showed the shop of a "Marwari" with whom he had pledged the articles for Rs. 5, out of which he bought from the same Marwari the metal watch for Rs. 2. The accused admitted the offence and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Mr. H. L. Painter, B.A. (Oxon.), I C. S., to be Assistant Political Agent, Savanur, vice Mr. J. Monteath, B.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S.

Mr. J. H. Garrett, I.C.S., Assistant Collector in the district of Ratnagiri, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district.

Mr. Garrett is also appointed to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Government of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr. K. W. Barlee, I. C. S., Assistant Collector and Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Satara, to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in section 260 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Mr. M. Macmillan, B.A., (Oxon.), Principal, Elphinstone College, Bombay, has been granted an extension of furlough up to 31st March 1907.

Mr. F. J. Varley, I.C.S., passed an examination in Kanarese according to the Higher Standard on 19th December.

Messrs. C. V. Vernon, I.C.S., and J. E. C. Jukes, I.C.S., passed an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard on 19th December.

Mr. G. H. Cowan, I.C.S., passed an examination in Hindustani on the 18th December.

Mr. A. F. Gonsalves, L.C.E. Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, and Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Satara, passed an examination in Marathi according to the Lower Standard on the 19th December.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burke, M.B., I. M. S., to be Civil Surgeon, Poona.

Major J. G. Hojel, M.B., B.S., I.M.S., to be Surgeon, Gokaldas Tejpal, Hospital, Bombay.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Corkery, I. M. S., to be Civil Surgeon, Ahmednagar.

Major W. E. Jennings, M.D., D.P.H., I.M.S., to be Civil Surgeon, Ratnagiri, continuing to do duty as Superintendent, Plague Operations, pending further orders.

Captain H. Bennett, M.B, C.M., B.Sc. F.R.C.S., I. M. S., to be Civil Surgeon, Sholapur, continuing to do duty as Civil Surgeon, Ratnagiri, pending further orders.

MAHOMEDANIST AND CONGRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR.—I have read the letter of a "Mahomedan" published under the heading of "a disclaimer," as your correspondent sends that letter without name I am not in a position to judge of his position and authority to speak on behalf of the Mahomedan Community. As I am in a position to know that Nawabzada Nasrullakhan, the only person of some position, who is against the Congress, has not written this letter, therefore I conclude that the writer of this contribution, is a fresh arrival to this city. This is corroborated by the fact that he has betrayed his ignorance on good many points in that letter. Your correspondent is entirely mistaken, or he pretends intentional ignorance when he says that the Mahomedan Community of Bombay has declared itself against the Congress. The facts are to the contrary. To begin with almost all Mahomedans of education and of position are members of the Presidency Association. Besides if we glance at the list of the last Congress Reception Committee hardly any respectable or leading Mahomedan is left out. This list will show that families of Mr. Budruddin Tayebji, Mr. Sayani, Mr. Adamji Peerbhai, Mr. Dharamsee, Sir Currimbhai, Mr. Allana, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoolla and a lot of others were the members of that Committee. Even the Memons of light and leading such as Mr. Suleman Abdul Wahed, Mr. Haji Yoosuf Haji Ismail, Mr. S. Siddick and others have shown that they are not against the Congress. On account of the above narrated facts I should like to know, along with a large number of the Mahomedan public, as to whom the correspondent represents and who has authorised him to make that statement. In my humble opinion, Sir, the correspondent does not mean what he writes. If your correspondent was of Bombay, he must have known that Mr. Amiruddin Tyebji was a Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Association and that the gentlemen, including Mr. Kazi-Kabiruddin, who formed the deputation and went to receive the Hon. Mr. Gokhale were joint Secretaries and members of that Association. I go a step further and say if a meeting had been called, the Mahomedans would have been delighted to send representatives to receive Mr. Gokhale, who is a most eminent Indian and a worthy countryman of theirs. My co-religionists respect Mr. Gokhale as much as any other community in this country. Now, Sir, let us examine if the members forming the deputation were men who can be called leading men and who can command our respect. I am only concerned with the two Musalman members-namely—Mr. Kazi Kabir-ud-din and Mr. Amir-ud-din Tyebji—as far as our Presidency is concerned, and there too, most of them are available. The former, as far as his position and education are concerned is [illegible] and he has also been Secretary of the Anjuman-i-Islam (a leading Mahomedan Association of this Presidency) as also of the Islam Club, his weight, influence amongst the Mahomedans could be imagined by the immense success which the Indian Mahomedan Conference gained when he worked for it. Can we not therefore rightly say that after Tyebji, Sayani, Dharamsee and Sir Currimbhai, he holds a prominent position in the community? We cannot underrate the facts and the truth shown therein. As to Mr. Amir-ud-din Tyebji much need not be written, as he was Secretary to the Bombay Presidency Association and Islam Club, he is a member of the Tyebji family. Yours, &c.,

JAFFER ALI KHAN.

ADVICE TO MR. JOHN BURNS.

SOME LABOUR CRITICISMS.

AT a meeting of the London Trades Council a resolution was proposed congratulating Mr. Burns on his appointment. After discussion the motion was declared carried by the chairman, but a show of hands being demanded, the voting proved to be equal. This resolution was therefore not adopted.

Mr. J Keir Hardie, M. P. writing in the current issue of the "Labour Leader" under the heading "The Right Honourable John Burns," says "Already the title sounds quite familiar and appropriate. Perhaps we have all suspected for years that John was predestined [illegible] to fulfil [illegible]. John has obtained his reward—the reward of his virtues and defects. [illegible] large [illegible] the acknowledgment of his undoubted ability, and his all consuming ambition, his advocacy of the cause of Socialism and labour, and his abandonment of his comrades in the midst of the struggle. Had John Burns never been a Socialist, and had there been no Independent Labour Party he would never have been a Cabinet Minister. Thus fantastically does Fate play with the hopes and expectations of men! John Burns the man of the red flag, the working engineer, is now the Right Hon. John Burns, P.C., M.P., President of the Local Government Board. He has a salary of £2,000 a year, and after five years' service is entitled to an old-age pension of £1,200 a year. [illegible] John's [illegible] was [illegible] square days, [illegible] unemployed [illegible] associate [illegible] which [illegible] years ago. [illegible] one [illegible] the Labour Leader [illegible] who [illegible] and [illegible] for the [illegible] profuse [illegible] days. [illegible] performs [illegible] and [illegible] upon [illegible] things with moderate courage, we shall give him his due. Virtue consists not in noting harshly the backslidings of others but in keeping from backsliding oneself. John Burns has backslided badly, but he is not the first nor the last. The Socialist movement goes on."

Mr. Jack Williams, the unemployed organiser, informed a Central News representative the other day that the workers were certainly not satisfied with the new Prime Minister's answer to the recent deputation. They thought they had got just as much as [illegible] they had gone to Mr. Balfour. In spite of Mr. John Burns being at the head of the Local Government Board, Mr. Williams did not think that the Government would have sufficient courage to deal with this question.

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THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK.

WHILE the city population have been holiday-making they have probably overlooked the condition of their relatives in the rural districts which, unfortunately, is steadily growing worse. In some districts the outlook is satisfactory, but in others distress, if not actual famine, stares the people in the face. Sind is all right. In Ahmedabad and the Panch Mahals the crops are in good condition. The first outcry in this week's official report comes from Kaira, in the Thasra taluka of which district, the crops have been damaged by frost. Broach reports crops withering in the Jambusar and Ankleswar talukas, the cotton crop generally to be suffering from want of moisture, irrigation, water insufficient in one taluka and prices of food-grains risen in two. In Surat the water-supply is ample in all but five talukas and that for irrigation purposes insufficient in two. The water-supply is running short in parts of the coast talukas. Ratnagiri and Khandesh have no cause for complaint on any score, but in Ahmednagar standing rabi crops are withering, the supply of fodder is insufficient and water-supply, both for domestic and irrigation purposes, is running short. Naturally prices are rising. In the Eastern districts of Poona standing crops are withering and as though that were not of itself sufficient, the fodder-supply over the same area is running short. The water-supply is deficient in no less than seven talukas of Poona. Sholapur sends in a doleful report. In that district rabi crops in light soil are withering; fodder and water are running short, agricultural stock is deteriorating, irrigation water diminishing and the price of fodder rising. Satara reports standing crops to be poor in the eastern and southern talukas and withering in Aundh State. Water is deficient both in irrigation wells and canals, agricultural stock deteriorating and the prices of food-grains rising. Rabi jowari is withering in Bijapur; cattle are deteriorating in four localities and irrigation water running short. Similar stories are told by Belgaum and Dharwar. Baroda has an assortment of experiences. In some talukas the outlook is good and crops are flourishing; in others they are withering and whilst supplies are adequate in several divisions they are short elsewhere. In only two divisions of Cutch is the prospect gloomy. But the general prospect of the Presidency is best described in the words of the report of the Kolhapur and Southern Maratha country—"Standing crops withering in some places; supply of fodder and water running short; agricultural stock sufficient but deteriorating; irrigation wells running dry, prices of food-grains almost stationary; price of fodder rising." District officers have apparently been too much occupied to count the number of persons in receipt of relief, but whatever the total may be, there is now no chance of an improvement in the outlook until the summer rains.

"CHINA FOR THE CHINESE."

The recent demonstration of anti-foreign feeling at Shanghai is attributed by residents in that port to the undisguised attempt of "Young China" to embroil the Chinese Government with foreign Powers, in the hope that in another Boxer uprising the Manchu dynasty will find its grave and the Chinese will realise their republican aspirations. When the anti-American boycott began, the Chinese Government was warned that it would do well to use all its power to crush the movement as its certain tendency was to become anti-dynastic as well as anti-foreign. The Chinese Government acted in a half-hearted manner and indications of the growth of anti-foreign feeling continue to manifest themselves. In the opinion of the leading paper of Shanghai, the inertness of the higher authorities is part of the general destructiveness and anti-foreign policy of which there have been so many indications since the success of the Japanese and their ignorant fear of the returned students turned their heads. The new patriotism of those who have imbibed a smattering of Western knowledge may have some good points, observes our contemporary, but the phase its sentiment of "China for the Chinese" has assumed since the Chinese have persuaded themselves that what Japan has done they can do and do it much better make it extremely unpleasant for foreigners and dangerous to the Chinese themselves. These ruminations were inspired by an incident which occurred at the Shanghai Mixed Court the other day. It seems that two Chinamen and three women were brought up before the British assessor, and a Chinese magistrate, and assistant magistrate, on a charge of kidnapping girls for an unlawful purpose, fifteen of their victims being in Court. The case was remanded, and the British assessor ordered the municipal police to take charge of the prisoners, and ordered the girls to be sent pro tem, to the institution known as "the Door of Hope," marking this on the charge sheet. The magistrate, however, wanted to send the girls to the cells at the Mixed Court, and told his runners to take them away from the police. A free fight between the police and runners was the result, in which the police were victorious. The girls and prisoners were put into the van, on which the runners locked the gate of the Court yard. The police then asked the magistrate to order his runners to open the gate, the reply of the magistrate being that the police could break down the gates, break up the whole Court, and kill him if they chose. On being asked if he refused to order the gates to be opened, the magistrate left the Court, but the gates were shortly opened, and the prisoners and their victims were disposed of in accordance with the British assessor's directions, and the Court suspended its sitting. An attempt is now being made to prove that the Court is Chinese though it has a Mixed Bench. The crisis at the Court is said to have been developing for a year past, and the embarrassing attitude of the Viceroy at Nanking and the Shanghai Taotai has assumed many forms. As far back as June last, Dr. Knappe, the late Senior Consul, had occasion to write the Taotai in a despatch, that his manner of handling the question of female prisoners at the Mixed Court showed, as he had shown in many other matters, a persistent spirit of obstruction to all progress dictated in the interest of humanity. There is reason to believe that the recent affair was a premeditated incident in the plan to attack foreign rights in the settlement and the Europeans there have resolved to make a firm stand on behalf of the principles of extra-territoriality and foreign settlements which the Chinese are so anxious to abolish as a preliminary to their onward march of progress in imitation of the Japanese.

THE FRENCH CHURCH.

IT is a critical moment in the life of the Church of Rome in France, for the one topic is "Is it peace or war?" There are two alternatives open at present, to accept the Separation Law and submit to its bonds or to worship secretly, suffering whatever persecution, in the way of fines and imprisonment, may follow. At present there is patient waiting for the order of the Pope who in his turn seems to be waiting the interpretation of the Conseil d'Etat before making any pronouncement. This body is charged with the preparation and expounding of the law, and upon its decision depends, to a great extent, the working of the measure. It will have to determine the spirit in which the Act shall be read and it is for some hint on this point that His Holiness is presumably waiting. Judging by other things it would seem that Rome intends to give the Church as much freedom as possible, the Vatican merely sanctioning Bishops after they have been selected by the French ecclesiastics in Council. Thus France will bear a great resemblance to America. The part that is feared is that the Law gives immense possibilities for persecution by delivering the power into the hands of a public, called Catholic, but actually hostile to the Church. There are already signs of unity, in the parochial associations provided for, with the express intention of harassing the incumbent. And under such conditions the lot of the priest is one of glorious uncertainty. Really the whole Act hangs upon the parochial associations which have to be formed to lend an official character to the religious exercises and to justify the use of the local church. Such onerous conditions are imposed upon the parochial societies regarding the upkeep of the Fabricate and the exact character of the services that the majority of Catholics, especially those in poor neighbourhoods, will hesitate long before undertaking so heavy a responsibility. It is illegal to hold service under the Catholic Faith in buildings other than those provided, and a Mass celebrated in a private house renders the celebrant and proprietor of the house liable to fines and imprisonment so that in the poor districts the Faith will either vanish from the land or be practised only amidst the greatest obstacles. One of the most probable effects of the Act will be the rise of irregular sects within the Church, but it seems inevitable that there will be a great dwindling away of Catholicism under the difficulties imposed as a result of the separation. For though termed separation, the church is bound to the State more closely than ever, and unless the Pope counsels that the law be accepted there must be a religious war throughout the country from which France will hardly be able to emerge scathless.

THE ADMIRALTY AND UNSAFE ANCHORAGES.

The finding of the Admiralty in the case of the repair-ship "Assistance," which grounded in Tetuan Bay in October, is painful to read, and must have been even more painful to write. In accordance with custom, a court-martial of officers was held on the spot immediately after the accident, and the Captain of the "Assistance" was acquitted of blame. But the minutes of these court-martials are always subject to revision by the Admiralty, and in particular by the First Sea Lord, to whom they pass with the remarks of the Junior and Second Sea Lords, and who afterwards submits his final judgment to the Civil Lord of the Admiralty. This work of revising the findings of court-martial is exceedingly tedious and difficult, but is rightly considered as exceedingly important, and is very properly placed within the special province of the First Sea Lord. It is not often that the decision of the court-martial is reversed, but the circumstances in this case were evidently unsound. For not only is the finding of the court-martial on the grounding of the "Assistance" set aside, but a number of high officers in some of our greatest battle-ships, which were present but suffered no loss, are inculpated and removed from their commands. The grounds of this punishment vary. In some cases it is the slackness of the watch. In the case of Captain Startin the offence was that he was unaware that Tetuan Bay was a dangerous anchorage in an east wind, and neglected to provide against risks by keeping his fires alight. The passage in the report on the neglect to keep fires alight in a dangerous anchorage will serve to remind many of that glorious passage in English naval history when the Calliope, alone of the ships in Apia Bay, Samoa, managed to run out to sea in the teeth of a great storm which destroyed the German and American war-ships in the harbour. The hurricane found the Calliope's fires burning. When Captain Kane decided to run for safety he signalled to the engineer for every pound of steam, and at that moment, Stevenson tells us in his matchless description of the storm, much of the machinery was already red-hot. She never made more than one knot against the gale, but it was enough to save her; and as she slowly fought her way out, a few yards from a reef on the one side and on the other passing her foreyard over the Trenton's quarter as she rolled, the Americans on the doomed Trenton, led by their Admiral, raised a lusty cheer for one of the finest pieces of seamanship in naval history.

THE Bank of Bombay yesterday raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 8 per cent.

A MINING lease for coal in the Shahpur District has been granted to Lalas Bhagwan Das and Ram Das of Rawalpindi.

Mr. M. Snee has applied for the grant of a dredging lease for gold in the river Indus near Attock.

THE P. and O. Company's steamer Peninsular with the homeward mails of the 30th ultimo, arrived at Aden at 7-30 p.m. on January 3.

THE P. and O. Company's steamer Moldavia, with the outward mails of the 29th ultimo, left Suez at 5-30 a.m. on January 4.

IT is stated by the Press Association that it is probable that the King will hold a Privy Council meeting to-morrow morning, and will forthwith sign the proclamation disolving Parliament.

THE Allahabad Gymkhana are to be congratulated this year on a record entry for the All India Hockey Tournament, no less than 21 names appearing in the list of competing teams.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamers Canning, Commander, A. J. Marsack, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Madras, with Government Stores. She will leave Bombay for Karachi, on the 8th instant, with the 84th Punjabis and details.

AT a meeting presided over by the Bishop of Lahore in reference to the Lahore Cathedral Completion Scheme, it was announced that the entire completion could be finished for about a lakh of rupees, and a single tower for about Rs. 25,000. A sum of Rs. 14,000 had already been subscribed, and it was decided to bring the scheme and the proposed memorial to the late Rev. H. J. Spence Gray, before the people of the diocese. Special contributions are to be invited for the completion of the tower, in which the bells are hung, as a personal memorial to Archdeacon Spence Gray, the tower to be known as the "Spence Gray Tower."

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 2nd Jan. was 653, giving a death-rate of 41·65 per annum per thousand as against 53·54 the corresponding period of last year, and 56·02, the average over the past five years. Of the total number 67 died from fevers, 9, plague; 7, small-pox; 6, measles; 2, leprosy; 43, phthisis; 33, diseases of the nervous system; 184, affections of the respiratory organs; 48, diarrhœa; 23, dysentery; 32, still-born; 98 old age and debility; 11, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 16; Brahmin, 29; Lingaet, 4; Bhattia, 5; Hindu of other caste, 313; Hindu low caste, 73; Musalman, 120; Parsee, 28; Jew, 2; Native Christian, 25; Eurasian, 1; European, 4; and Negro-African, 1. The total number of births was 595 as against 449, the corresponding period of last year; and 332 the average over the past five years.

THE "Terrible" has had the misfortune to lose her Commander at Colombo, Commander Godfrey G. Webster being invalided and going home by the P. and O. Macedonia. He was given a hearty send-off by the officers and men, and was seen off on board the Macedonia by Acting Commander Alexander K. Jones. As the Macedonia moved from her moorings, the Terrible's band, which was formed up on deck, played the familiar strain Rolling Home to Merry England, and a while later the band struck up "Auld Lang Syne." Another of the Terrible's officers is in the General Hospital, Lieutenant Charles F. R. Cowan being down with enteric.

A CURIOUS sequel has followed the inquest on the victims of the Hilda disaster at Southampton. Mr. W. Coxwell, the coroner who conducted the inquiry, forwarded his bill for £110 12s. for "fees and expenses" in connection with the inquest on the twenty-five bodies to the Town Council, on receipts of which the Finance Committee recommended that payment be deferred in order to ascertain the practice followed in other towns. The point in question appears to be whether each body is to be regarded as a separate inquest, though in this case the inquiry was a joint one. Mr. Coxwell, it seems, before taking action in the matter, sought the opinion of the Coroners' Society of England and Wales, which fully upholds his attidude. The point is an unusual one and its development will be awaited with interest.

IN the report on the administration of criminal justice in Burma, an unsatifactory feature in the figures for Lower Burma is the large increase which occurred in cases of grievous hurt. In Upper Burma, the number of offences affecting the human body remained practically stationary. The expediency of passing severe sentences in cases of serious hurt or of hurt caused by deadly weapons, should be remembered by Magistrates, since the frequent use of knives by the people of the province is an evil, which it is desirable should be suppressed by strenuous measures. There is still room for improvement in the matter of the proper examination of complainants by Magistrates, though the figures for Lower Burma shew a continued advance in the number of complaints dismissed in the first instance. The increase is in both sections of the province in the number of first offenders released under the provisions of section 562 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

IN an article on the condition of Russia "L'Energie Française," remarks very truly that the situation does not improve there. The Russian Moujik, who is ordinarily mild and even kindly, once he is morally and materially intoxicated, becomes a raving madman who abandons himself passionately to devastation. In place of stealing the cattle of his landlord, he destroys them, he burns down the forests, and thus deprives himself in a spirit of inconceivable madness of the means of subsistence. Famine will be the certain consequence of such a crazy proceeding, and that element of horror is now being prepared for Russia. Those very people who have been at the head of the revolutionary movement, like Father Gapon, are terrified at the irresponsibility and the insane character of the pretensions of the popular leaders whom they at first guided, but who have now overstepped all bounds. As for M. de Witte, his situation is more and more impossible. His temperament makes him see the necessity for repression, but how is this repression to be carried out with troops who mutiny at every moment, and in every corner of the Empire? Insurrection is growing in strength and its issue is being prepared for. The writer has private and correct information that a considerable number of arms, specially revolvers, have been sent for several weeks past from all the large ports of Belgium, Holland and Germany, to Russia, to the revolutionaries, be it understood. At Marseilles every man of the crews of the vessels that go to the Levant and the Black Sea does a trade in revolver-cartridges. The prospect is promising for the spirit of revolution. It is impossible to foresee the end of the present formidable Russian crisis.

NEW NOVELS AND AN INDIAN DICTIONARY.

THE VROUW GROBELAAR'S LEADING CASES. By Perceval Gibbon (Wm. Blackwood and Sons). This is a collection of characteristic Boer stories and legends strung together by one described as:—

"A lady of excellent standing, as much by reason of family connections (for she was a Viljoen of the older stock herself, and buried in her time three husbands of estimable parentage) as of her wealth. She lived in her homestead with some half dozen nieces a nephew or two, and a litter of grandchildren, who knew the old lady to the core, cozen and blarney her as they please, and love her with a perfect unanimity. I think she sometimes blames herself for her tyrannical usage of these innocents, who nevertheless thrive remarkably on it. You can hardly get off your horse at the door without maiming an infant, and you can't throw a stone in any direction without killing a marriageable damsel. They pervade the old place like an atmosphere; the kraals ring with their voices, and the Kaffirs spend lives of mingled misery and delight at their irresponsible hands."

It is to one of these young persons, Katje by name that the stories are told, mainly as warnings and to convey many morals in the most telling manner, for this damsel of eighteen besides being

"like a poppy among the stubble, so delicate in her bodily fabric, and yet so opulent in shape and colouring . . not only flouted the old lady to her face, but would upon occasion disregard her utterly, and do it all with what I can only call a swagger that seemed to demand a local application of drastic measures."

There is no dearth of vigorous description in the stories, Vrouw Grobelaar goes down to the primitive bed-rock of human nature in explaining incidents and accounting for violent actions. The life of the veld is there, the struggles between Burgher and Kafir, the superstitions that were believed in by youth and maiden alike in the early settling times, all is related with telling shrewdness and directness. The reader's attention is caught and held by Mr. Perceval Gibbon's graphic style of writing.

JOHN CARRUTHERS, Indian Policeman. By Sir Edmund C. Cox, Baronet, (Cassell and Co. Ltd.) is the title of a collection of spirited stories most of which were staged in India. The local colour is strong and true and if they are not all founded on fact, they are ingeniously thought out and are as romantic and exciting as any in real life. The power of reasoning backwards is invaluable to a policeman, and that Sir E. Cox possesses it is very evident from the manner in which the mystery of the incidents here related is unravelled. The smallest clues seem sufficient to lead up to the truth. "Tantia Maharaj" is a splendid tale, the clever disguises and tantalising meetings in which the lawless knight of the road circumvents the guardian of law and order being specially well described. "The Cotton Consignment" is another in which some very accomplished thieves are caught in their own net. Hubli and Bombay are the scenes of this sharp trade incident. Alibag, the Deccan, Delhi, Central India, and Halgiri in Southern India, are some of the places where the strange occurrences and crimes and the clever detections recorded in this interesting volume took place. The stories are the very things to read by the camp fire or in the cosy winter evenings, at home and we recommend the book to all lovers of jungle life in India.

FOR RICHER FOR POORER by Edith Henrietta Fowler (George Bell and Sons) is the story of a pair of lovers, who go through more than the usual number of slips between the cup and the lips before their plan of happiness is assured. It was not formed on a very extravagant estimate of the requirements of the human heart or life, so the tale is one that strikes the right chord in the average range of sentiment of gentle and unselfish girls. The hero never feels tempted to depart from his determination to win the heroine for his wife, but she, in a mistaken idea that her duty to others conflicts with her inclinations and her often repeated promises, veers somewhat, and there is trouble in the air and in her true lover's heart. The story is pleasantly told and does not tax the patience of the reader.

MADAME WILL YOU WALK. By Belth Ellis (William Blackwood and Sons). This volume of five dainty short stories is true to its dedication, "To all merry lovers who dance to the pipe of Dan Cupid in holiday mood." They are charming episodes in which the gay and gallant lover has to exert all his ingenuity to win the reluctant and fascinating object of his boundless affection. "Miss Pamela Plunkett's Glove" the first of the series, and recording a most daring game on which finally depended much more than a glove, is good, but some of the others are better. "The Quips and Cranks of Dan Cupid" is charmingly told. So is "The Proving of Daphne." The tales are all of the eighteenth century and the spirit of the age is well mirrored in them by the clever author.

THE MISTRESS OF THE ROBES, by Sidney Herbert Burchell. (George Bell and Sons) This is a charming and well-sustained story of the days of Queen Anne telling among other historical good things of the rise of Mrs. Masham from a scullery-maid to be the confidential friend of the Duchess of Marlborough and finally to be her successful rival in the graces of the Queen herself. Incidentally all the gossip, and court doing the intrigues, the social life of the period are described with considerable realism and animation. The solid qualities that often render the historical novel too heavy for enjoyment are so veiled that the reader is thoroughly interested in the lives and proceedings of the gay beings picturesquely grouped by Mr. Burchell.

A BIT OF A ROGUE, by Nat Gould (John Long) is a fine rattling easily read story of a horse with an uncertain temper and disposition, and of a man who most emphatically earned the title given to this book. The horse was amenable to his mistress and so was the man, but only up to a certain point. Vincent Gascoyne, the villain of the story could not be made to run straight for a long or even a short race, while "The Rogue" in good hands ran fair and won easily. The accounts of the Liverpool race in which he came first, and of the day Doreen tried him with the hounds are in Nat Gould's usual style when he warms to his work with a favorite horse.

DICTIONARY OF INDIAN BIOGRAPHY. By C. E. Buckland, C. I. E. (Swan Sonnenschein and Co, Ltd.). This volume of moderate size, supplies a want that has often beset the ordinary reader when he meets with the name of an Englishman, a Native or a foreigner whose life-work has been in India. Within the limits of 470 pages, the main facts of the lives of 2,600 persons are given, who have been or are conspicuous in Indian administration or who are connected with this country by literary or philanthropic ties, or who have risen to distinction in its service. It has naturally been exceedingly difficult to fix a standard of merit, for the numbers of the people diagnosed and the length of paragraph devoted to them had to be limited by considerations of time, space and cost. The period limit goes back to 1750, thus including Lord Clive and his contemporaries. Mr. Buckland found that none of his advisers could suggest a criterion of "distinction." The titles and decorations of the various Orders of Knighthood afforded him very uncertain help; general principles, general reputation or notoriety were of more assistance in deciding the delicate question of inclusion. No doubt those who have remained outside and claim to be within these covers, will make themselves known to the Editor. The scope of the work is a wide one. We have Madame Blavatsky and Bishop Copleston, Abdur Rahman and Lord Curzon. Mrs. Annie Besant and Bishop Meurin, Macaulay and Lord Lytton, Malabari and Swami Vivekananda, Aberigh Mackay and Sir Monier Williams. The Indian names of places have been spelt mostly on the Hunterian system. For the names of Indians; the territory with which the person was connected supplies the key-word for Hindus; for Parsis, the surname or family name comes first, with variations according to the custom that obtains with individuals. A useful bibliography is attached arranged both under the name of the person whose "life" is treated, and under that of the author or the subject of his book, as the sense demands. We welcome the volume as a handy Indian "Who's Who" of the past and present. A list of the works of reference consulted shows the reader where to find ampler information when needed.

MR. J. T. DICK, from the Madras branch of the Commercial Bank of India, has been appointed Manager of the Rangoon branch in the room of Mr. P. A. Churchward, resigned, who takes up the Managing Directorship of the Bank of Rangoon, which opens on the 1st January.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

EUROPEAN PRESS UNEASY.

A CLOUDED POLITICAL HORIZON.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, JAN. 4.

There is renewed apprehensiveness on the eve of the Morocco Conference. The Spanish and Italian Press are most pessimistic, the latter is remarkable for sounding a distinct note of hostility against Germany.

Even the Berlin papers dispute the official assurances and are uneasy owing to current rumours of German military preparations.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

The Activity of Labour Candidates.

There are no Unionist candidates in twenty-nine constituencies and it is probable that more Liberals than Unionists will be returned unopposed thus reversing the conditions of the last election.

The Liberals have accepted Labour candidates in forty-two constituencies, while Labourites oppose the Liberals and Unionists in thirty-four constituencies.

THE WAR STORES SCANDAL.

Holding of the Court-Martial.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

Sergeant Major Hilton, of the Army Service Corps, was court-martialled to-day, for desertion. He was recalled from South Africa, in September, to testify to War Stores and had not yet heard he was under arrest on 21st December, when he was embarking for New York. He maintains that he intended to return. The Court's decision is not published pending confirmation.

ROZHDESTVENSKY'S ALLEGATION AGAINST ENGLAND.

Qui S'Excuse S'Accuse.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky, with the permission of the Ministry of Marine, has written an article in the "Novoe Vremya" on the battle of Tsushima in which he says that Admiral Togo's whereabouts were kept so secret that they were even unknown to the British Admiral who concentrated his fleet at Wei-hai-Wei expecting orders to annihilate the Russians if the Japanese failed to accomplish Great Britain's object.

THE SCARCITY IN JAPAN.

Australia to the Rescue.

LONDON, JAN. 4.

The Premier of New South Wales has promised to co-operate in the despatch of flour to Japan for the relief of the famine stricken.

THE CALCUTTA POLO TOURNAMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 4.

In the Polo Tournament here to-day, the Golconda team beat the Royal Dragoons after a splendid game by the narrow margin of one sudsidiary. In the penultimate chucker, the score stood at three goals, two subsidiaries all. The Royals obtained a penalty which they converted into a goal and the Golcondas then rushed the ball to the other end and equalised amidst great excitement. Up and down play followed and just before the call of time, the Golconda team made another subsidiary thus winning by four goals and three subsidiaries to four goals and two subsidiaries.

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 4.

The qualifying competition of 36 holes under medal rules over the Tollygunge links attracted an easy record entry of forty-eight competitors, and a considerable crowd of interested spectators. Thanks to the trouble which had been taken with it the course was at its best, and it was greatly improved as a test of golf by the ties being put back as far as possible. Three rounds of twelve holes apiece were played, and though the three new holes do not add to the excellence of the course, their inclusion proved undoubtedly sound policy, as all the players could not otherwise have possible got round by daylight. As it was play went on without a break from 8-45 a. m., till 5-15 p.m. The Standard reached, however was very disappointing, and several of the favourities notably Major Wolfe Murray who broke down in the afternoon after a good start, Lieutenant Mac Lean and Mr. Merlose failed to qualify for the second stage of match play. Lieutenant Campbell headed the list and took first prize, thus leaving that for the visitors to Lieutenant Inglis. Mr. Mackenzie also did pretty well but the rest of the scoring was poor. There was some excitement when it was found that no less than four players had tied for last place in the eight, but Mr. Fischer of Bombay retired, and on a comparison of the cards with Bogey score it was found that Mr. F. H. Stewart easily qualified as against Messrs. H. C. Begg. the present captain of the Calcutta Golf Club. and D. Pym. The players' returns are as follows.

Lieut C Campbell	(Lebong)	174
T R S Mackenzie	(Calcutta)	175
T Drimmie	(Calcutta)	179
Lieut Inglis	(Dum Dum)	180
L Stansfield	(Calcutta)	181
B A Collins	(Chupra)	183
B Sinclair	(Calcutta)	184
F H Stewart	(Calcutta)	185
P F Fischer	(Bombay)	185
H C Begg	(Calcutta)	185
D Pym	(Calcutta)	187
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Lieut N A Stebbing	.. ..	188
J G Melrose	(Calcutta)	188
D Youngson	(Calcutta)	188
H W Dick	(Calcutta)	189
E H Townend	(Calcutta)	189
Lieut A C H Mac Lean	(Kamtee)	189
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G Gillespie	(Calcutta)	190
L G Dunbar	(Rangoon)	190
C G Newton	(Negapatam)	191
Captain S Lochbridge	(Barrackpore)	191
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Norman McLeod	(Calcutta)	191
A G Osler	(Barnagore)	193
R D Murray	(Kassauli)	195
L Robertson	(Calcutta)	198
John Stiven	(Bombay)	211

THE ROYAL TOUR.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

THE PRINCE'S ELOQUENT SPEECH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 4.

This afternoon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall. Their Royal Highnesses proceeded to the site with a full escort of Horse Artillery, Cavalry and Imperial Cadets, and the streets were lined with troops. There was a large gathering on the actual site to witness the ceremony, but, whether by design or otherwise, the adjacent maidan was almost free of people. The Prince and Princess were accompanied by the Viceroy and Lady Minto and were received by Sir Andrew Fraser. the Lieutenant Governor, and the trustees of the Memorial Hall.

The Lieutenant Governor, explaining the history of the Memorial towards which fifty-six lakhs of rupees have been publicly subscribed, said :—

HISTORY OF THE MOMORIAL.

"I have been asked by his Excellency the Viceroy on behalf of the trustees to request your Royal Highness to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall. The news of the death of Queen Victoria was received in India with a universal outburst of loyal and loving sorrow. We all knew how deep these sentiments of love and loyalty were in the hearts of the Indians. But even those of us who think we know the people best were astonished at their universality not only in the great cities where thousands met to give expression to their grief, but in the remote hamlets of the interior where the simple folk still live the old Indian life. Those of us who were then working among them found them moved by deep and genuine sorrow for the death of the mother of her people.

"Everywhere steps were taken at once to raise memorials of the long and beneficent reign which had been brought to a close. Many local memorials were inaugurated and these are to be found throughout India to-day. To Lord Curzon, however, we owe the conception of a national memorial which might be, in some degree, worthy of the great and beloved Queen and of the Empire over which she reigned so long. One of the strongest sentiments in Lord Curzon's heart and mind was devoted loyalty to the Queen who had sent him to govern this portion of her Empire on her behalf, and on the other hand India, its history, its antiquities and its peoples had for him a singular fascination. These are the feelings which inspired the scheme framed by his Lordship when he undertook in February 1901 to advise the Indian people as to the best means of giving expression to the universal sentiment. He believed that the memorial should be a national one and that its most fitting form would be a magnificent treasure house bearing the name of Queen Victoria to which might be consigned a collection of pictures, statues, historical documents and other objects of interest, illustrative of Indian story and especially of the Victorian Era. This idea commended itself to the Princes and peoples of India. It was, indeed, entirely in accordance with Indian sentiment. An influential and enthusiastic Executive Committee was appointed to raise the necessary funds. Subscriptions poured in from every part of India. Even those who desired to have their own local memorials contributed also to this national scheme. Through Lord Curzon's personal influence with the leaders of the European community and with the Indian Chiefs and nobles, extraordinary progress was also made in the collection of articles of national and historic interest which were promised or sent to find their home in the memorial buildings. The initial difficulties to be expected in so great a scheme were overcome. After much discussion the spot on which we now stand was selected as the site of the memorial. Thanks to the liberality of the Railway Companies, it has become financially possible to decide, to have the building constructed of Indian marble. The services of Sir William Emerson have been secured as architect and he has submitted his drawings and plans. The Legislature has put the scheme on a legal footing and replaced the Executive Committee which had done excellent service by a body of trustees with necessary powers.

"The success of the scheme is already assured and we are now able confidently to ask your Royal Highness to consent to lay the foundation stone. The principal object of this scheme is to commemorate a great and beloved Queen and to associate the feeling of loyalty which her memory inspires with sentiments of patriotism and self respect on the part of the people of India by connecting this memorial with the worthiest memorias of Indian history.

"Hitherto the scheme has been singularly successful. Already over fifty-six lakhs of rupees have been promised and nearly fifty lakhs collected and a substantial nucleus has been already formed of the collection of historical objects ultimately to be placed in the Hall. To this His Majesty the King Emperor has made contributions of the greatest interest including the writing table and chair which Queen Victoria used for her daily correspondence at Windsor. Local Governments Indian Chiefs, public bodies and private persons have been imbued with the same spirit and many valuable contributions have been received which have been meanwhile deposited in the Museum hard by. The trustees earnestly hope that what more of funds may be required will be supplied as the need arises and that the interest in the collection of historical objects will be maintained.

"Your Royal Highness has graciously informed us that you have inherited the love of Queen Victoria for the Indian people and perhaps we may be permitted as the trustees of this great national undertaking loyally to assure you that we have also inherited the love and devotion of the Indian people for your Royal House. It is therefore a great delight to us that you and her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales are with us to-day and that we are permitted to lay before you our request that you will lay the foundation stone of this Memorial hall."

The Prince replied in a speech, the happiest and most eloquent he has yet delivered. He said :—

THE PRINCE'S SPEECH.

"Sir Andrew Fraser and Gentlemen.—We are met to-day to commemorate a great sorrow and a great love. Everywhere the Princess of Wales and my self in our journey through this vast and varied land have had almost daily evidence of the ample manner in which India has returned the affection of her first Queen Empress. This sentiment, so touching and so precious, finds its highest and most universal expression in the national monument with which the Princess and I are proud to be associated to-day.

"We have heard from Sir Andrew Fraser of the difficulties which attended the initial stages of this great memorial and we must all of us recognise that it is to Lord Curzon's untiring energy and devotion that the tribute to the late Queen-Empress has taken this national and far-reaching aspect. I am glad to know that the interest which he took in the building of the Hall will not cease with his departure from India, but will continue to show his sympathy with the undertaking

"It is right and befitting that there should be memorials in all parts of India in honour of one who, though never privileged to see her Indian subjects in their own countries, seemed to have the peculiar power of being in touch and in sympathy with all classes of this continent. But it is still more befitting that there should be one memorial in India, a symbol of of the unity and concord which comes from her all-embracing love for her people and an enduring token of the affection which all—Europeans and Indians, Princes and peasants—felt for Queen Victoria.

"To us this wonderful expression of gratitude brings natural pride and warm hopes. The Taj which has delighted and fascinated us by its beauty and by its story can never be rivalled in its grace, but in generations to come this Memorial to a Great Queen, whose sympathy conquered distance and space, may present to the his torian reflections as hallowed as those which are inspired by the Taj Mahal.

"I congratulate the Executive Committee and trustees of this great all Indian trust on the success which has attended their patient labour of love. It will gain from Lord Minto further strength and encouragement, and I feel sure that the same spirit of affection and veneration which has brought this splendid and most worthy memorial into being, will under his Excellency's guiding influence cherish and quicken its future progress. I must thank you, Sir Andrew Fraser, for your concluding words which will be as gratifying to my dear father as they are inspirating to the Princess and myself.

"I will now with much pleasure and with feelings of profound gratitude to all who have shared in this most noble endeavour proceed to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Memorial Hall. Among the many interesting ceremonies in which we have taken part during our stay in India, I can assure you that none could have appealed more to our hearts than the opening act of this great work."

Thereafter the Prince proceeded to lay the foundation stone, a full salute being given when he declared it well and truely laid. When the Prince returned to the dais, the Vice roy on behalf of the Princess, people and the trustees of the Memorial thanked His Royal Highness for laying laid the foundation stone of a memorial to the first British Empress of India.

To-night a state ball is being held at Government House for which twenty-four hundred invitations have been issued.

THE PUBLIC RECEPTION AT CALCUTTA.

THANKS FROM THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 4.

The following correspondence has passed between Sir Walter Lawrence and the Maharajah of Durbhanga, President of the Calcutta Reception Committee, with reference to the entertainment offered to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, by the public of Calcutta on the 2nd January :—

Prince of Wales Camp, India.
2nd January 1906.

My dear Maharajah,—Their Royal Highnesses on their return from the entertainment on the Maidan direct me to convey to you and the Members of the Reception Committee their warmest thanks for a most delightful and interesting afternoon. Everything was so perfectly organised and the decoration of the amphitheatre and its approaches in such exquisite taste that it was obvious to the Prince and Princess of Wales that endless trouble and thought had been spent on their reception. Will you tell the members of the Committee how grateful Their Royal Highnesses are. Yours Sincerely.

(Sd.) Walter Lawrence.

1, Middleton Street,
3rd January 1906.

My Dear Sir Walter,—I thank you most sincerely for your very kind letter and I hope you will inform Their Royal Highnesses that I will lose no time in acquainting the members of the Committee with the most gracious message I have been commanded to convey to them. I have no hesitation in replying on my own and their behalf that any slight trouble we have taken has been amply rewarded by the pleasure we have been able to impart to the son and daughter of the King-Emperor. Yours very sincerely.

(Sd.) Rameswar Singh Mahaharajah of Dharbanga.
President the Reception Committee.

A HANDSOME OFFER.

As a memento of the visit to Calcutta of Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Maharajah of Durbhangah has asked permission to place the sum of one lakh of rupees at the disposal of Their Royal Highnesses for any public purpose they may be disposed to select. Their Royal Highnesses have been pleased to accept the generous offer of the Maharajah who has received the following letter from Sir Walter Lawrence :—

Prince of Wales's Camp, India.
3rd January, 1906.

My dear Maharaja.—Their Royal Highnesses have carefully considered your most generous offer of yesterday to place at their disposal one Lakh of Rupees, or £6,666, for charitable purposes. I am directed to say that it would give the Prince and Princess of Wales great pleasure and satisfaction if the gift could be apportioned as follows :—£6,000 to the Medical College Hospital and £ 666 to the Lady Dufferin Hospital at Calcutta.—I am yours sincerely.

(Sd.) Walter Lawrence.

H. E. LORD LAMINGTON.

RETURN TO BOMBAY.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Bombay, accompanied by Col. Richard Owen, Military Secretary, Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, Private Secretary, Major T. M. Yarr, Medical Officer, and Captain J. G. Greig, A.D.C., returned to Bombay yesterday morning, from his tour of the coast settlements and Goa. The R. I. M. S. Dufferin which has conveyed the Governor throughout the tour, was expected to arrive at 7 a.m., but was not sighted till 9 a.m. and dropped anchor an hour later opposite the Apollo Bunder. The following gentlemen were present at the Bunder to meet His Excellency :—Brigadier-General R. M. Greenfield, Commanding Bombay Brigade, Mr. J. J. Heaton, Acting Secretary to Government, Mr. W. L, B. Souter, acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. James Macdonald, the Revd. Father George, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey, Captain H. Meynell, Captain E. H. Bayford, D.S.O. and Risaldar Bahadur Sheik Abdul Hamid, Aides-de-Camp, to His Excellency, and Lieut. F. C. Jenkins, R.G.A., Orderly Officer to General Greenfield. His Excellency, who was accompanied by Lady Adela Cochrane, Mrs. DuBoulay, and Mr. T. Cochrane, arrived at the Bunder at 10-10 a.m. (S. T.) in the R.I. M. steam launch Bee. After shaking hands with those present at the Bunder, his Excellency drove to Government House. The other ladies and gentlemen followed in Government House carriages. The arrival was private. A salute of 17 guns was fired from the Colaba North Battery to announce the arrival of His Excellency.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY,

"THE EARL AND THE GIRL" AT THE NOVELTY.

THIS excellent Company gave "The Earl and the Girl" as their second item for this season last night at the Novelty Theatre, when they were even more successful than on the previous evening. The house was almost full, and the audience got no end of fun out of the piece, Mr. Harry Cole, the Anglo-Indian Herbert Campbell having plenty of opportunities for "bringing down the house" with his irrepressible gag and his mirth-provoking facial funniments. The "Plot" in the "Earl and the Girl" doesn't matter. Nobody cares a rap how it begins or how it ends. It is the songs and "business" that tell, and the extravaganza goes with a swing from beginning to end. Miss Georgie Corlass was as sweet as ever, as Elphen Hays, the American heiress, with three million dollars besides her petticoats. Mr. Ernest Attwell as Dick Wargrave was on better voice than on the previous evening, as "the Real Heir," and Mr. Deane Percival had an opportunity, as the "Hon. Crew Boodle," the "supposed heir," of showing how well he could sing, which he lacked in "The Country Girl," in which, by the way, he came a terrible cropper over the pronunciation of the word "felicitous." Mr. Mark Lester sang well as Dehnham, the American solicitor on the track of the earl, "with not a moment to spare"; and Miss Minnie Leslie was better as Mrs. Shimmering Black, the "strong woman," than as the Indian Princess on the previous evening. Altogether a very creditable performance. An evening with the Bandmann Company saves a lot of liver pills.

MOTOR-BUS SERVICE FOR BOMBAY.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

A new departure in Motoring in India is the introduction of the Motor-Bus Service which was undoubtedly a long-felt want, and Bombay may well be proud of being the first to introduce it. The enterprising Motor firm in Rampart Row known as the Western India Motor Company, have imported a huge motor-bus, which is the first of its kind ever seen in India, and is in every detail exactly similar to the motor-busses so familar to the Street of London. It is a "Thornycroft" double-deck 24 b. p., Standard, London pattern bus, and is very commodious, having no less than thirty-four seats (18 outside and 16 inside). It is capable of running 12 miles an hour and will climb up a gradient of 1 in 8. Thus no steep road in Bombay will be a bar in its progress. It is not only a unique construction, but picturesque in appearance, having a neat little spiral staircase in the rear leading to ahe upper deck and being painted in attractive colours. At present in the service will not be a regulated one as regards fixed routes, &c., but as soon as the remaining busses which are expected shortly arrive, the service will be a regulated one and the 'busses will run in all directions. The inconveniences at present caused to people attending the various offices in Bombay, who cannot be accommodated in the crowded tram-cars after their daily work, will then be a thing of the past.

The single-deck 'bus which has been on the run for some time past goes from Pydhoni to Grant Road and "vice versa." The new double-deck motor 'bus will run from Crawford Market, over Carnac Bridge, past Carnac Bunder, through Frere Road, back by the Great Western Hotel round Rampart Row via Esplanade Road. and back to the Crawford Market.

This new 'bus, which may be seen on Rampart Row, was only unpacked yesterday morning and by 5 o'clock last evening was fitted up ready for use. Under the personel supervision of Mr. W. C. England, Motor Engineer, the 'bus was tried for the first time a little after 5 p.m. It was started from Rampart Row and driven to the Apollo Buder. then skirted towards the Taj Mahal and steered towards the Bandstand, from whence it was driven on to the Esplanade Road and back to Rampart Row. The trial was a most successful one and the enterprise of the firm in introducing a motor-bus service in Bombay bids fair to be crowned with every success.

DEATH OF A MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL OFFICER.

IT is a melancholy duty to record the untimely death of Mr. Shaik Jafar Mahomed, Deputy Educational Inspector, who died at Sholapur on Friday last leaving behind him a widow and five children and a number of sorrowing friends. He was a self-made man. After passing his Previous Examination he took up Government service as his domestic difficulties would not permit him to prosecute his studies. Mr. Chatfield, the then Director of Public Instruction, as quick to reward merit in others as to discern it, conferred upon him the post of Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector. Mr. Jafar gave the Director no cause to regret his selection, for by his zeal and diligence he soon won the golden opinions of his superiors. Mr. Jafar did not give up his studies while in service, but side by side with his official duties he kept them on and in due course took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After his graduation he got a temporary lift in the Oriental Translator's office and thence he went to Berar as Deputy Educational Inspector, Hindustan Schools. He remained there for some time, But Mr. Giles got him retransferred to this Presidency. In recognition of his abilities Mr. Jafar was put on the Book Committee where he rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of the new vernacular series. A bright future indeed lay before the deceased and there is no doubt that if his life had been spared some time longer, he would have shone in his Department and done all in his power to promote the welfare of his Moslem brothers. In his private life Mr. Jafar was a thorough gentleman, was exceptionally good natured and possessed agreeable manners, and was kind and courteous to all who came in contact with him. He was also charitably disposed, for, he would, with the utmost willingness, contribute towards the educational expenses of any deserving Mahomedan student that came to him for pecuniary succour.

THE M. A. O. E. CONFERENCE.

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES :—The Mohamadan Anglo-Oriental Educational Conference came off at Aligarh on the 28th of December. About a thousand delegates from all parts of India, together with the students assembled in the Strachey Central Hall to celebrate its nineteenth anniversary.

Moulvi Habibux-Rahman Khan, President of the Reception Committee welcomed the guests in a stirring speech. Sahibzada Aftab Ahmad Khan, Barister-at-law addressed the audience and dwelt on the services rendered to the Moslem Community by Mashiruddaula Mumtazul Mulk, the Honourable Khalifa Sayed Mohamad Hosain Khan. He had been the life-long companion of Sir Sayed and like the roots of a tree, while doing all to feed the trunk and nourish the branches lie hidden beyond the eyes of the people, the venerable pillar of the Patiala State had saved the Indian Moslems from falling into many a pitfall. With the proposal of Sahibzada Aftab Ahmad Khan, seconded by Sayed Ali Imam Barister-at-law, Khalifa Mohamad Hosain, President-elect took the chair amid loud thundering cheers.

The grand old President opened his inaugural address in a solemn strain. He discussed at length the means which may enable the Mohamadans to centralize their forces at Aligarh. He approved of the Arabic scheme being introduced into the College on Western lines. Next in importance was the opening of a Science Faculty on a large scale. Both these objects achieved. the position of the Indian Moslems was safe both from spiritual and temporal standpoints. In the end he proved the utmost necessity of female education, which the College is going to undertake forthwith. The presidential address closed with three cheers for the King Emperor.

Professor Gardner Brown, Joint Secretary of the Conference read his annual report which was very comprehensive. He expressed his satisfaction that the resolutions hitherto neglected have been practically acted upon. Reforms have been achieved in every department.

A sad duty was performed then. Within the last year the Indian Mohamadans have lost two great wellwishers of the community in the persons of Khan Bahadur Barkat Ali Khan and Khan Bahadur Zainul Abidin Khan, who were right arm of Sir Sayed in spreading education and reform. Telegrams of condolence were sent to their survivors on behalf of the Conference.

Sahibzada Ahmed Khan before proposing a medal to be given to the best Mohamadan graduate of any University in science, for the commemoration of H. H. the Nizam's Jubilee, stated fully the benefits accruing to the College from that ruler and the blessings which his auspicious person infuses among his own subjects. The awarding of this medal was in addition to the Jubilee celebration held in the College. A garden party was given, alms were distributed and illuminations were carried out in a few days back in the Boarding House.

The report of the Anjuman Muzaffarnagar was read by Hakim Mir Mohamad, a quiet worker in the field of Moslem reform. The Anjuman with the unostentatious efforts of Maulana Tufail Ahmad and the Secretary has accomplished a good deal among the local Mohamadans. The Secretary on a later day hung a picture of Islam in the form of a tree having no leaves nor green branches, with the exception of a small bough representing the College at Aligarh. He described the metaphor in a long poem, to which the audience listened spell-bound.

Mr. Mohamed Ali B. A. (Oxon), brought forward a resolution to the effect that the Mohamadans should do away with disintegration and bring about centralization at any place, which was unanimously decided to be Aligarh. He delivered a very logical and scientific speech, which made a fine impression on the minds of the audience. The speaker succeeded in fully proving the usefulness of a Moslem focus. The acknowledged head of the Indian Mohamadans, "a hundred winters shining above his breast," was hailed with deafening cheers.

The anniversary of the Siddon's Union Club was celebrated on the night of the 28th December. English dramas and Urdu and Persian dialogues were performed by the students. The chief characteristics of the Aligars are solemnity and joviality, seriousness and cheerfulness.

The sitting on the 29th December opened with a paper read by Mr. Archibald, Principal. His first appearance before the Moslem public was greeted with loud and continuous applause. Before beginning his paper on the "history of the expansion and growth of education in England," the Principal explained the duties and responsibilities of the students, who were particularly directed to place confidence in their English professors and to keep up the high reputation which their predecessors had earned. The proper subject concerned chiefly with the application and bearing of English education on the Indian educational systems. The peculiar features of English education were its organization by private and religious bodies. The Government grants-in-aid came in later. The paper was the production of an able and learned Englishman, who is already the author of the history of education.

Sahibzada Aftab Ahmed Khan put before the Conference a resolution, which had already been carried but was not duly brought into practice after late Mr. Beck. It was the revival of writing the Census of the Mohamadan boys in all districts of India. When the accurate number of the boys will be known and the causes of their being left uneducated will be determined, the Conference will be able to bring round their parents to send them to schools. The speakers mentioned Sindh and Rajputana as the places where there was large field for work. Many members undertook to write the Census of several districts. The work was already begun at Allahabad and the neighbouring villages.

Maulvi Alfuddin Pleader brought before the Conference a resolution to the effect that some students provided with scholarships be sent to obtain technical education in other countries. A lively discussion ensued and the persuasive eloquence of Sayed Ali Imas was conspicuous. The well-known Advocate carried whatever be advocated. The Editor of the "Paisa Akbar" after delivering an elaborate lecture imparted the news that Pir Kamruddin E. A. C. Punjab had promised to offer a scholarship to a student from the Punjab. Mahomed Washu, Pleader, also promised to provide a scholarship to a student from Oudh.

Khwaja Gholamusaqlain read his paper the heading of which was a verse of the Koran. The lecture was very learned and philosophical and presented a "model of Islam" in all its aspects. The soundness of knowledge and zeal in national affairs of Gholamusaqlain is accepted and respected by the whole Mohamadan community.

A garden party was given in the evening by Khan Bahadur Muzamilulla Khan to the Conference guests and students. The Cricket lawn was crowded with happy figures from all parts of India.

On the night of the 29th Dec. Sheikh Abdulla B. A, L L B, read the report of the Female Education Section of the Conference. The report reviewed the work done by the Secretary and the Agents in Lucknow, Bombay, Bhopal, Bahawalpur and other places. H. H. the Begum of Bhopal, besides many other donations has given Rs. 100 a month for the establishment of a Girls' Normal School. H. H. the Nawab of Bhawalpur has also promised to help the institution. H. H. the Aga Khan has conditioned his donation on the preservering exertions of the managers of the institution. Handsome donations have been received from Bhavnagar and some other places. The families of Justice Badruddin Tayabji and Nawabzada Nasrullakhan are also among the contributors. The total sum in the hands of the Secretary is about Rs. 7,000 and an equal sum is promised by the Lieutenant Governor.

The Ladies Industrial Exhibition attached to the Conference, was supplied with articles from many a ruling family in India. H. H. the Begam of Bhopal, the Maharani of Patiala and the families of Janjira Nawab Nasrulla Khan and Col. Dunlope Smith, have shown their sympathy by sending some pieces of their own work. The arrangement of all these articles, embroideries, oil paintings, needlework etc. was nicely made by four ladies from Bombay and a missionary lady who spent four days in decorating the Nizam Museum, the building where the exhibits were exposed. Though the exhibition should not be preferred to the Normal School, it was certainly a success this year and is not without good prospects in future years. About sixty ladies came from various places to see the exhibition.

On the 30th of Dec. Col. Abdul Majid Khan expressed some doubts as regards the religious instruction in the College. The Honorary Secretary pertinently removed all suspicions and read the report of the Ulamas who had come to examine the students in theology. The Principal in his speech said he liked the criticism from outside, which was meant to better the religious condition of the Mohamadans. He allowed "the fullest public criticism" and informed the audience that the staff would observe the convention, under which they had come from England. He said that the M. A. O College would ever remain a Mohamadan institution in which religious instruction would be a reality. He confessed that he highly respected the great principles of Mohamaden faith, obedience to God and parents and attention to prayers etc.

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WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

Working Girls in London.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

SOME STRANGE FACTS ABOUT FRUIT.

LONDON, DEC. 16.

ANOTHER step towards meeting the difficult problem of providing comfortable homes for young working girls at rates within their scanty means has been satisfactorily made this week, in the opening of Hyde House, Bulstrode-street. Here is offered, a cubicle furnished with bed, and neat compact fitments at half a crown a week, while for 4s 6d a week, a girl may have complete and sufficient board. There is an excellent drawing-room for the general use of the inmates, with walls artistically treated in tones of blue and green, charming prints, and a well-filled range of book-shelves. In all ninety-five inmates can be received, and it is anticipated that it will be constantly full. It will be largely used by the young women employed by the modistes of this part of Lodon, and it was explained on the occasion of the opening ceremony that, though these girls earn good wages for their really highly-skilled work when in employ, it is the long periods of "slack time" that make it difficult to them to live, and necessitate, indeed, at this and the other homes under the same kindly guidance, the provision of a fund to enable them to tide over weeks and even months, when there is a little to be earned. From mid-December to mid-January is often with these girls a time of privation rather than festival, while the efforts they make for their family are often almost heroic. It is an interesting point that residence in these homes seems to act as an additional credential for girls seeking employment.

In England it is in stockings that Father Christmas is want to drop his wished for cadeaux, souvenirs from the departing old year. In France, one's boots, shoes, or slippers are the receptacles of his bounties. This old custom is not altogether the privilege of children, and I know many grown-ups who not only put their footgear in the fireplace on Christmas-eve, but who share with the juvenile members of the household, if not their unshaken belief in Pere Noel, at least their genuine delight in the finding of his presents. The most appreciated of those, the most welcome, are certain small square boxes wrapped in white paper and bound with gay ribbons peeping out of their prison in the small, narrow feminine shoe. The ribbons are quickly untied, the wrappers deftly opened, and a dainty erin, bearing in gold letters the name of a well-known jeweller, is lovingly and nervously fingered by madame or mademoiselle. Puzzled or unimaginative givers can safely make their choice in the jewellery realm, sure of their gifts being welcome, by any of their feminine relations or friends.

And true to say, never has jewellery attained such a artistic value as in our days. A jewel is not only a dazzling and valuable object, but a thing of grace and beauty as well not appreciated for its intrinsic worth alone ; it has become a charming idea, an artist's whim, carried out and decorated with the help of pierres precieuses. And it affects so many forms and shapes and purposes, the jewel of to-day ! It is hat-pin as well as diadem ; brooch as well as riviere of diamonds ; it is used for the purely decorative purpose and for the most utilitarian ; in an endless variety of styles, from the stiff, prim, antique designs to the most exuberant fantasics of art nouveau.

Among the gems, the most decorative and the most generally liked are pearls, the large, round, lustrous pearls. They have been, are, and very likely will ever be, a most valued ornament to feminine beauty. Just now they are very fashionable, some lovely rings being of plain gold, with one, or at most two, large milky pearls of a perfectly round shape. Most of the pretty pendantifs also derive a chaste elegance from them, no longer round this time, but of the quaintest shapes imaginable. Most becoming and most appreciated, but also most expensive, are some of the fashionable pearl necklaces ; some of the dog-collar persuasion, composed of a dozen strings of beautifully matched pearls, all of an equal size, and, so far as possible, of an equal lustre, are worth a king's ransom. Not long ago a single pearl from a noted collection fetched, at Christie's, the immense sum of £16,000. Diamonds excepted, nearly all precious stones seem to have experienced, at one time or other, fluctuations of grandeur et decadence, but the fascination of pearls upon the feminine mind has come from Cleopatra's day to ours, unchanged and undiminished. Passing from the depths of the ocean to the dazzling jeweller's shop, from the unclean hands of a Ceylon diver to the white neck of a society beauty, the pearl is beautified, made still more precious and more costly id the process, and had not the jeweller's ingenuity come to the rescue in so skilfully plagiarising nature, many a fair neck and hands would be deprived of a most becoming and fashionable adornment.

The eye if getting accustomed to lighter shades for our day gowns than were used for winter in precepting years, many cloth or velvet gowns being carried out in what we call couleurs tendres, pale green, mauve, shrimp, sapphire, while white is by no means scarce. But, in my opinion, such perrishable and noticeable colours should be left entirely to the woman who drives in her carriage, as such dainty toilettes are apt to look piteous in a 'bus or in the damp, muddy streets. This applies chiefly to London, where the very atmosphere alone makes daintiness a very ephemeral quality. Many of the short boleros or drape bodices worn over the princess gowns are shorter in front than at the back the points being drawn up, sometimes tied together. This is undoubtedly an aesthetic error, as it seems to shorten the waist in front. Let the bolero or draperies be either of the same length around the bust or let them be of a slanting disposition, the back being shorter than the front. Adything that takes away from the long-waisted effect in a tight fitting gown tends to destroy the graceful proportions of the bust.

Couturiers and dressmakers are creating wonders for the sunny coast which attracts so many in quest of warmth and gaiety. White and pastel shades are of course, in great requisition, and a profusion of lace is used as trimming. The princess shape play the prominent part, while the Empire gowns are mostly kept for evening wear. A lovely afternoon toilette en route to Nice was of soft satin cloth of a happy nuance of rose, a tint between shrimp and vieux-rose. The dress was of princess shape, and formed a tunic over an underskirt of the same cloth edged with a scalloped band of deep rose velvet. All around the tunic was some lovely application of Irish lace, dyed of the same colour as the dress. There was a chemisette of the same lace under a tiny cloth bolero ornamented with lace application, while the sleeves, stopping at the elbow, had short loose undersleeves of Irish lace caught and tied by ribbons of the same velvet as the one on the skirt. I admired, too, another dainty toilette also destined for the Cote d'Azur. It was a very pretty casino dress of white tulle, with a draped bodice caught in a high corselet of pale blue velvet, very pointed in front, and giving a waistcoat effect. Over this imagine a charming habit of pale blue Pompadour silk, strewn with small bunches of pink roses embroidered over with silver thread. This coat had very long trailling ends reaching the train of the skirt. The short sleeves were finished with upturned cuffs, and with heavy frills of guipure, while application of the same guipure ornamented the bottom of the skirt and the decolletage. I was shown a plastron of the same guipure, which was to be worn with the dress when a transformation from a low gown into a demi-toilette was desired. The smart matinee hat to accompany this pretty frock was of guipure, with a lovely white aigrette springing from a bunch of pink roses. A cachepeigne of pale blue velvet, cleverly chiffonne by an artist's hand, tilted forward the coquettish little chapeau. A long echarpe of white tulle edged with a ruche of the same material and ornamented with garlands of pink roses completed the toilette giving it a charming old-world aspect, like an evocation of the happy days of Trianon.

Every year comes back the same unwelcome cry; the blouse is dying, the blouse is dead; yet every time the prediction is falsified, for with all women the blouse is a favourite. What garment more handy or lending itself more to every occasion? Morning, afternoon, evening, the blouse is there, plain or dainty, sombre or light, but ever useful. I know many girls who would be sorely puzzled were the blouse to be put on Fashion's black-list, and vanish from their ward robe, for to many the blouse does office of demi-toilette, is ever so much less expensive, and affords more scope to change. I would certainly encourage girls who have leasure to undertake the making of their own blouses. With a good pattern, a sewing machine, and a little taste, with the help of a maid, of a day dressmaker, or even unaided, an adroite girl can accomplish wonders. Of course, on the case of a cheap blouse, the result and the economy are not worth the trouble taken, but a blouse marked, say, three guineas in a shop can be made at home for half the price. In many instances, what we pay for is neither the material nor the work, but the idea, the chic. Everybody is not able to create pretty designs, but there are so many smart models to copy from. Here is an afternoon blouse of white Liberty stain, with a high draped belt of the palest turquoise blue panne; two very pointed revers decorate the front of the blouse, and are held back by two large buttons covered with blue panne, and ornamented with a spider disign in white silk and gold thread. The Elbow sleeves have turned up cuffs of panne founded with the same buttons and a frill of guipure. The blouse itself is cut evenly and rather low around the neck, being gathered over a high plastron of guipure. This is a smart and effective little model, though neither elaborate nor complique, and can be carried out with success by the amatuer dressmaker.

If, ten years ago, some shrewd individual had predicted the prices of choice fruit in the present December he would have been met with ridicule and incredulity. Hot-house pinse are obtainable from 2s 6d to 5s each, whereas it was by no means uncommon for their wholesale market value to be 10s, 15s, and even 20s at Christmas-time. It is as well to mention that hot-house pines are not, as popularly supposed, English—they are grown at St. Michael's, in the Azores, being ripened under glass to prevent their being spoilt by rain. A few wealthy noblemen may grow English pines as a hobby, but as a market commodity they may be said not to exist. English hot-house grapes are selling freely in Convent-garden from 1s to 1s 6d per pound, specially fine lots at 2s to 2s 3d. This will make the retail price from 1s 6d to 2s per pound for a very good quality of grape, and for the time of the year it is unquestionably cheap. Grapes at Christmas-time were always considered a most expensive item, but each year brings them within closer reach of middle-class consumers. At present the eight principal grower of English grapes have upwards of 500 tons in their houses, and when we consider a good average output of a house 200ft by 45ft to be four to five tons of grapes, it is easily seen how enormous must be the capital sunk in hot-houses alone.

Cucumbers are unusually associated with the salmon season, and it may be news to many housewives that boiled and served with white sauce they make a very tasty dish. They are worth at present 9d to 1s 3d each. Canary Island tomatoes are plentiful and cheap, 3d and 4d per lb being their retail value. A very limited quantity of English tomatoes is still to be found at Covent-garden—this is the first season in which they have lasted until so abnormally late in the year. These at 8d to 10d per lb cannot be deemed very great luxuries. Chestnuts are good this year, especially the large, dark-coloured Italian nuts, which, by being boiled, may be made to serve the double purpose of an entree or desert, 4d to 6d per lb. Brazil nuts are dearer, 8d per lb. In buying almonds for desert, the Tarragona soft-shelled is recommended as being much superior to the hard French variety, 4d to 6d her pint.

The apple supply is not large, and nothing must be expected at less than 3d to 4d per lb cooking, and 5d to 8d per lb dessert. Canary bananas are in moderate supply, and at the popular price of eight for 6d should not be overlooked. The Canary banana is in its most perfect state of maturity when the skin is spotted, although many people mistake these spots for an indication of decay. All the foregoing prices are based on this week's business un Covent-garden, and it is very probable that next week and the week following will see advances. Housekeepers will find it to their advantage to take the hint here given.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 4TH JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. More rain wanted gnerally within three weeks. Crop prospects generally good.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Mooltan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat and rapeseed larger area sown this year. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Delhi.—Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Agra.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable Linseed doing badly.

Khamgaon.—Dewfall insufficient Cotton picking general

Dhulia.—Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Crop prospects generally good.

Viramgaon.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants showing bolls.

Wadhwan.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and showing bolls. Present weather may improve cotton yields slightly. Cotton healthy, crop excellent and arrivals expected early.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing ready for picking and picking commenced.

Hubli.—Bright no sign of rain. Seasonable. Dewfall insufficient. Cotton crop estimate six annas.

Bellary.—Mornings cold and dewy. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE 4TH JAN.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has risen everywhere, the rise having been brisk in several places.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The mean temperature of the day shows a rise but maximum and minimum are yet 5° to 15° below normal in several places. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Cuddapah and the lowest 34° at Lahore and Sirsa.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy at Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Madras, Calicut, Raipur and Colombo.

Rain.—Nil.

Weather.—Ordinary cold weather conditions prevail generally.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Aproximate return of traffic for week ended 2nd Dec. 1905, on 504·35 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,40,00	2,40,000	4,000	2,83,000
Or per mile of Railway	277	476	8	573
For previous 15 weeks of half-year	26,21,106	36,26,220	38,292	41,81,899
Total for 16 weeks.	27,64,104	38,66,604	42,292	44,79,899
Comparison.				
Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,54,355	2,14,917	939	3,40,633
Per mile of Ry. do.	308	426	2	675
Total to corresponding date do. ...	25,72,099	28,30,331	58,708	43,63,714

THE M. A. O. E. CONFERENCE.

(Concluded from page 5.)

The resolution to prepare an estimate for the establishment of a Mohamadan University was brought foward, After various speeches having been made, the Editor of the "AlBashu" moved that subscriptions should be raised. The President Elect donated Rs. 1,600 and many sums of a thousand rupees each were subscribed. Many gentlemen gave Rs. 500 each, A sum of Rs. 3 000 was given by the brother of Sayed Ali Imam. Most of the old Boys contributed to the list. A subscription of Rs. 30 each by two students of the Government College was also announced. The studends of the M. A. O. College subscribed one rupee each which amounts to about Rs. 800. The total subscribed on the spot was nearly Rs. 20,000. Two Hindu gentlemen Rama Shankar and Joti Parshad gave Rs. 500 and Rs. 100. A vote of thanks was passed for Nawab Fayazali Khan, who besides helping the College in many way had entertained the guests this year. The Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces was thanked for his offer of an Arabic professor from England and an assistant profssor. Rs 29,600 have been collected for scholarships to be given to the Arabic students in the M. A. class, Mr, Arnold will be asked on behalf of the Conference to accept thd post. The remarkabie services of the late professor M. A. O. College have been the cause of his being requested again and it will be fortunate for the Mohamadan community, if the author of the "Preachings of Islam" consents to this appointment.

On the night of the 30th December the meeting of the Social Reform Section was held in the Strachey Hall. Khwaja Gholamussaqlain B A, L.L.B, read his annual report, which recounted the hardships still in the away of the reformers.

The proper use of money, which is squandered on matrimonial occasions or lavished in thoughtless almsgiving was rightly inculcated. The proposal that local committees be established was unanimously carried, Khwaja Sahib is to be congratulated on the success, which he has attained and which is likely to attend his efforts.

On the morning of the 31st December the visitors were disappointed not to find Dr. Nazir Ahmed LLD the famous co-worker of Sir Sayed, who was to deliver a lecture on that day, in the central Hall. NawabMohsinul Mulk effaced all despondency by his wonderful lectures on Islam, in with he upbraided the andience on their slothfulness in religious affairs.

The President in the end thanked all the members who had come from diffirent parts of India to attend the Conference, which proceeded successfully for four days and closed its nineteenth anniversary with three cheers for the King-Emperor and three cheers for the Viceroy Lord Minto.

We are asked to publish the following letter;—

My dear Nawab Saheb,—We hope in the early part of March to have the honour of welcoming Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Mohamadan Anglo Oriental College Aligarh, an institution in which all Mohamadans take the greatest interest.

We are all I think anxious that the visit of their Royal Hiphnesses should be commemorated in some permanent form and that the opportunity should be taken to add some new department to the work of the College which should by name be connected with the Royal visit.

As visitor of College I have carefully considered the needs of the immediate future, and find that, now that the study of Arabic is fully and permanently provided for, the most urgent want is that of a properly organised Science School, including the provision of European Professors and properly fitted laboratories.

The suggestion that I make is that we establish a Prince of Wales Science School. In the College as a memorial of the Royal visit, and towards this object I gladly contribute 35,000 rupees.

I confidently suggest to Mohamadans throughout India that they should all take part in this memorial by contributing according to their ability towards it. By so doing they can show their gratitude to their Royal Highnesses in the most practical form, and assist an institution from which they all hope so much. They will erect a memorial which will ever keep the Royal visit before the minds of the generations to come by advancing the Scientific training and therefore the intellectual and material prosperity of their community.

I might add that in view of the establishment of the new medical college at Lucknow the foundation of a Science department which may train those who look forward to the medical profession, has become more than ever a need of the leading Mohamadan College.

I am sending a cheque for 35,000 rupees with this letter.—I am &c.

Agra. (Sd.) AGA KHAN.

BOMBAY FOURTH EXTRA MEETING.

HANDICAPS.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

The New year Plate—1 Mile Tubal cain 97, Blue Blood 8 7 Primerole 8 6, Reverberation 8 5, Freelance 8 4, Rosse 8 3 Jean Part 7 12

The Marine Line Plate—9 furlongs, Precious 9 12, Skylark 9 5 Tachret 9 0, Mooreed 8 13, Talisman 8 2, Panala II, 7 12, Nadir Shah 7 8, Tindale 7 4, My Mistake 6 8, Top weight not accepting weights to be raised 4th

The Midget Handicap—7 furlongs. Mooreed 10 3, Rose 10 0, Mint 9 6, Little Joker 9 3, Pana II 9 0, Settler 8 6. Malabar 7 13, Napoleon 7 7, Jamaood 6 12 Calcutta 6 10, Akyab 6 7, Murshid 6 7, Two Top weights not accepting weights to be raised 6th

DRAW FOR NEW COMERS' PLATE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

The 1st New Comers' Plate—Distance 1-2 mile
Mr Salim Abdool Rehman's b a h Scimiteer 13·2
Mr R R S' g a h Multiform 13·3 1-2
Mr Buder Bin Alwa's ch a h Muzeado 13·1 3-4
Mr Dawood Essack's g a h Cardiff 14 0
Messrs S A Wahed and Aga Mirza Ahmed's ch a h Toman 13·3 1-1
Mr M A Khan's b a h Golden Hill 13·1
Mr G K's b a h Khurdie 13·3 1-2
Mr A Andria's ch a h Emir 13 3
Mr Mujeed Jurjes' g a h Silver Stream 13·1 1-2
Messrs Faraj bin Sanad and Y Sherriffs g a h Africa 13·3
Mr Abbas Chawes' b a h Wadi 13·3 3 4
Mr Mahomed Shamlan's ch a h Glasgow 14·0
The 2nd New Comers' Plate—Distance 1-2 mile
Aga Mirza Mahomed Hoosaen's ch a h Cloraine 13·3
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Saglaive 13·2
Mr Sulemans Mahallas's ch a h Stamboul 13·2
Mr Yusniff Yunasee's b a h Mudlool 13·2 1-3
Mr Mahmood Mahomed's b a h Cyprus 13·3 1-2
Messrs Hon M Gocu'dass and A Nanjee's g a h Sahara 13·1 1-4
Mr A Razak's br a h Mariner 13·3 3-4
Mr A Alex A Essayee's b a h Creditor 13·2
Mr J Comersey's g a h Grey Bird 13·3 1-2
Messrs Tom and F Saif's b a h Silvester 14·0
Mr A M Ameer's g a h Newadi's 13·2 3 4
Mr Ebrahim Mana's b a h Durvan 13·3 1-2
Mr F M Garda's g a h Marvel 13·2 1-4

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

The Marine Lines Plate—Tindate
The New Comers' Plate—Marvelous and Cairo
The Beduin Plate—Chiragh
The Midget Handicap—Panala II, Mooreed, Little Joker, Napoleon
The Small Selling Plate—Girding Star and Zinfandel
The New Years Plate—Reverberation.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, January 4.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths	Deaths from all Cause.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	1	1	3
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri ...	1	0	15
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	0	22
D Khetwadi Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi ...	0	0	10
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	0	0	25
F Parel, Sewree and Sion ...	0	0	13
G Mahim and Worli...	0	0	9
Water Division...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown...	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	1	16
Total...	3	2	112
Total plague deaths to date ...	304,852	226,353	
Same date last year...	19	9	111

SMALL-POX.

Attack.	Death.
3	2

HARROVIAN LYRICS.

SCHOOL SONGS AND SINGERS.

As long as boys play and sing in the house hall s at "Harrow upon the Hill" there cannot be any apprehension as to the memory of the late Mr. Edmund Howson being ever left a prey to forgetfulness.

The assistant-master who has just died, at the comparatively early age of fifty, will, indeed, be long remembered by his many friends and pupils, probably not so much for the erudite classical treatises he has left as for the collection of light melodious verses in which he sang of Harrow and the Harrovians. When the pupils of the great public school meet again to rehearse some of their late master's compositions, many a voice will doubtless falter with emotion at the very first bass of such a piece as this:

Three leagues to North of London Town,
 Harrow up on the Hill;
There stands a school of high renown,
 Harrow up on the Hill.
Low at her feet the rolling shire,
Groves around her in green attire,
And soaring above her a silent spire;
 Harrow up on the Hill.

It is curious to note that Mr. Edmund Howson's predecessor in the classical chair at Harrow School has also left a name as one of the most successful song-writers of the day. I allude to Mr. Edward Bowen, who met with a tragic death three or four years ago, while on a bicycling tour in France.

His "Forty Years On" remains to this day the most popular song, among the boys of the famous public school. This Football March is the National Anthem of Harrow, which invariably brings every house-singing and every school concert to a close. I am even assured that while it is played every Harrovian who happens to be present stands up, almost instinctively, to do it honour. Here is the first verse of Mr. Edward Bowen's famous march:

Forty years on, when afar and asunder
 Parted are those who are singing to-day,
When you look back and forgetfully wonder
 What you were like in your work and your play,
Then, it may be there will often come o'er you
 Glimpses of notes, like the catch of a song—
Visions of boyhood shall float them before you,
 Echoes of dreamland shall bear them along.
  Follow up! follow up! follow up!
 Till the field ring again and again
 With the cry of the twenty-two men—
  Follow up! follow up!

It was, however, Mr. John Farmer, the musical composer, who first introduced what he termed Public School singing at Harrow. The songs were expressly composed for pupils between the ages of ten and eighteen. Once a week or a fortnight, the boys were gathered in the house-halls, and there entertained for an hour by the singing in unison of stirring national songs.

Then followed some solos from those who could sing and those who could not—it made no difference, The latter class, says Mr. E. Graham, an old Harrovian, were called talkers, and every boy was encouraged to stand up and talk it out. The accompaniment in this case consisted of a sort of trickle down the piano with two fingers on consecutive notes; but the talker seldom noticed that anything was wrong. The boy who produced no audible sound came in for much harmless chaff, and was compared to a bogey in a water-butt or a weasel in a band-box.

The songs, as is known, were formerly written in Latin. It was only in recent years that Mr. Edward Bowen and Mr. Edmund Howson originated those English lyrics and marches which have made Harrow music so famous and popular. Many of these, covering as they do the every-day incidents of school life, abound in quaint humorous touches. Take, for instance, the following lines dealing with the ever-recurring question of Scholarship versus Sports:

"Can't you settle it, Joe and Jack,
 Settle it, books and play?
Dunce is white and pedant is black,
 Haven't you room for grey?
Let neither grammar nor bats be slack,
 Let brains with sinews grow,
And you'll be Reverend Doctor Jack
 And you'll be General Joe?"
"But Joe is a regular fool," says Jack,
 "And Jack is a fool," says Joe.

Or this poetic interrogation, to which no schoolboy can possibly remain insensible:

"Oh, have you with Euclid before you,
 Full often despairingly sat,
The Fifth Proposition before you.
 Your mind getting blank as your hat?"

In connection with these songs, there is held every year, during the Christmas term, at Harrow, a traditional ceremony known as the "House Choir." The whole house is assembled in one of the large halls. A table, two long candlesticks, a toasting-fork, and a racquet being procured, all the "fezzes," i. e., the football eleven, sit in red dressing-gowns on a bench placed in front of the table. Then the performance begins.

"Everyone present," writes the author of "Life in our Public Schools, "has in turn to sing a song, standing in a somewhat perilous position on the table with a candlestick in each hand, an officer armed with a toasting-fork ready on the right and another with a racquet on the left. If the singer show any hesitation or refuse to sing out properly he is unmercifully progged by the two officials. The general result of the entertainment is a good deal of fun and some slight damage—to the trousers."

I cannot, I think, conclude more appropriately than by making this last quotation from one of the most beautiful lyrics ever written by one of the Harrovian songsters:

"When droops the boldest,
When hope flies
When hearts are coldest,
Dead songs arise:
Young voices sound still,
Bright thoughts thrive,
Friends press around Hill—
So songs live."

A MATRIMONIAL TANGLE.

THE STRANGE CASE OF MRS.—?

ONE of the most remarkable matrimonial tangles of recent years is now engrossing the attention of the American public. The question at issue is whether the lady in the case is Mrs. Charles Morse, wife of a wealthy New York banker, known as the Ice Trust King, or Mrs. Dodge, wife of a man in much less affluent circumstances. The lady herself will propably be glad to know precisely who she is, because in the last action the Court virtually decided that she was neither Mrs. Dodge nor Mrs. Morse, in which case, presumably, she simply reverts to her previous status as Miss Clemence Cowles, a beautiful lady from the Southern States.

On the face of things Miss Cowles married Mr. Dodge, and later fell in love with the Ice King. As Mrs. Dodge she obtained a divorce and became Mrs. Morse. Then doubts arose as to whether the divorce from Mr. Dodge was valid, and on that ground Mr. Morse secured the annulment of his marriage. During recent developments of the tangle the lady kept in the background, living alternately in Paris and London.

Now the entire facts of the case have come up for review in a criminal charge against Mr. Abraham Hummel, a well-known and successful lawyer, who is accused of subornation of perjury inasmuch as he is alleged to have conspired to persuade Mr. Dodge to swear that he had never been served with divorce papers. It was on account of Mr. Dodge's affidavit that he never received the papers that the lady's second marriage was annulled, because it was obvious that she could not be the wife of the Ice King if she were legally the wife of Mr. Dodge.

For two years, it is stated, Hummel has fought to postpone the trial of the present indictment, but Mr. Jerome, the Public Prosecutor, has now succeeded in bringing him to Court. The State's principal witness is Mr. Dodge himself, who has confessed his part in the alleged conspiracy to free Mr. Morse from his matrimonial bonds. The lady has also returned to New York, and it it understood that she will tell all she knows. In bringing the case before the Court Mr. Jerome said that Hummel was once disbarred for attempting to bribe a Judge. Mr. Jerome asked that the jury should be watched day and night, so that they might not be tampered with.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken to safeguard Mr. Dodge, because, as Mr. Jerome stated, persons interested in the case have sought to kill him. In legal circles the case excites the greatest interest, because Hummel has achieved extraordinary fame and success in America in the most noted criminal and divorce cases of recent years.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth! Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

BABY GIRL'S AWFUL HUMOUR

Would Scab Over, Break Open, and Be Raw—Intense Suffering for Two Years—Doctors and Medicines Failed to Help Her.

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Writing under date of August 15, 1904, Mrs. L. C. Walker, of 5 Tremont Street, Woodfords, Me., says: "My sister had a terrible humour on her shoulder when she was eighteen months old, causing intense suffering for two years. We had several doctors, and tried everything, but in spite of all we did it kept spreading. One day it would scab over and then crack open and a watery matter ooze from it and the scabs would all fall off. It would be raw for a time, then scab over again. Some one recommended Cuticura, and we immediately procured a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a cake of Cuticura Soap. She was much better after the first bath with warm water and soap, and an application of the Ointment. Before it was half gone we saw a marked change for the better, and she was entirely cured, without a scar being left, by the one box of Ointment and one cake of Soap. Her skin is now entirely clear, and she has not had a sign of trouble since."

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The composer of Fenella needs no introduction from M. A. P. either to the musical or the general public. Ever since some ten years ago he made his first appearance in London as the conductor of his own comic opera, "The Yashmak" at the Shaftesbury Theatre, he has been almost continuously in the bills of the concert world and the world of musical plays. His "Pot Pourri, at the Comedy, contained much that was of high musical quantity as well as much that was merely and unaffectedly melodious, and the work he has already done for the Coliseum has always been distinguished for its evidence of character and individualism. And yet it would hardly be expressing it the best way to say that Mr. Lambelet has a style of his own. The fact is he has many styles of his own; and it is at his annual chamber concerts (the tenth of which, by the way, he gives at the Queen's Gate Hall that one realises how remarkably versatile he really is. A tender love song succeeds a grand march, and a suite of pianoforte pieces succeeds the tender love song; and when other serious compositions have followed these, one suddenly remembers that Napoleon Lambelet was the composer of that typically English musical comedy ditty, Mary was a Housemaid, which some years ago took London by storm. Considering that Mr. Lambelet, himself a Greek, has been successful with his inspirations from German, Italian, and French "words," it seems nothing short of marvellous that he should be able, when required, to compose in the spirit of a Lionel Monckton, an Ivan Caryll, a Howard Talbot, or a Paul Rubens.

In temperament, as well as talent, this Greek composer is a man of many departments. Though his field of works is London, and his artistic companions and fellow workers the inhabitants of it, he loves a quiet English country life, and, with a charming English wife and a bonnie little daughter puts in as much time as he possibly can at his cottage near Watford. To know the man you must know his home—so says the proverb. And it says truly. The stranger who saw Mr. Lambelet, dressed in the height of English fashion, lunching at a fashionable restaurant in the company of public men and women, or presiding at one of his "smart" morning concerts at some West-end salon, would be prepared to swear that he lived within a stone's throw of Trafalgar Square, and seldom journeyed farther West than Kensington, or farther East than Kingsway. The stranger would reject as wildly and grotesquely impossible the notion of Lambelet trudging the countary lanes at midnight, on his way home from the theatre; Lambelet raking up hay in the field at the back of his cottage; Lambelet taking his little daughter for a ride in her donkey cart, and afterwards putting the donkey away in the stable. And this is the Napoleon Lambelet at home—not the Napoleon Lambelet, the Greek composer for the London stage and concert platform, who has just been created a Knight of the Order of the Redeemer by the King of the Hellenes!

Critics must be careful when dealing with the philological aspect of the store of Fenella, which is a romance of gipsy life, how they pass judgment upon the work of its author, Mr. Arthur Rackham Cleveland. For Mr. Cleveland though he may not look it—resembling in appearance as well as dress the far from wild and uncultivated Mr. Paul Arthur—has himself lived the gipsy life, and can speak Romany as fluently as his own language. It may not be the strictly pure Romany, but it is as pure as that which is spoken by the gipsies themselves, whose language, of course, gains year by year—or loses—in the corruptions from the tongue of the people among whom the gipsies live. Mr. Cleveland's name, in being on the bills of the Coliseum, can hardly be said to rest on familiar ground. For the author of Fenella so far from shining as a typical provider of operatic "books," writes essays for the Humanitarian, and is the author of "Woman Under the English Law," an important work dealing with the social condition of woman from the landing of the Saxons down to the present time. So that in the quality of versatility, author and composer are well matched.

I know for a fact that acrobats, a most worthy people as a class, are kindness itself to their children, and that to their health they pay the nicest care. Without such care the little chaps could never go through their tricks. But, while believing the life of infant acrobat to be free from home hardships, I still cannot help noticing the effort with which the youngster, under the conditions mentioned, pumps up his sadly unmirthful grin, and I rejoice to find as must many another person rejoice with me, that baby acrobats are going surely out of fashion. It is amazing that there should be so many people in the world as there are who can express frank delight at the spectacle of a child of tender years being spun on high by resined feet until he is giddy and breathless, and I recall with a comforting sense of satisfaction the anger displayed once by a gentleman in the stalls of a variety theatre on such a "turn"—a turn, indeed—receiving an encore from a black-whiskered foreigner, possibly the acrobat's agent, sitting in the row in front of him. The former leant over to the heartless, or thoughtless, alien with the Tigg Montague whiskers, and poured such a thunderous torrent of abuse into his astonished ear that I thought there would have been a fearful fight. In this event I know whose part I would have preferred taking.

Not the lady herself, but her work. A Geelong reader of M.A.P. writes to tell me that the success of Mr. Watkin Mills' most successful Australian-tour is Liza Lehmann's beautiful song cycle, "The Daisy Chain" I do not wonder at it—considering as one should, the quality of the interpretation. I have heard Mr. Watkin Mills in this cycle, and I am never likely to forget the pleasure his splendid rendering of the bass and basitone portions gave me. Descriptive enough are the word-poems and the music poems of Robert Louis Stevenson and Liza Lehmann, but the richly sympathetic ring in the voice of Mr. Mills meant so much to their proper understanding and their full enjoyment that I almost lost sight of the writer and the composer in my rush of admiration for the man who interpreted so well the very heart and soul of the work. In Australia Mr. Watkin Mills is supported in The Daisy Chain by Miss Edith Kirkwood, Miss Gertrude Lonsdale and Mr. Harold Wilde, and at the piano by Eduard Parlovitz; and I am told (what I can easily believe) that their performance of this musical series of tenderest pictures has raised the names of Robert Louis Stevenson and Liza Lehmann higher than ever in the estimation of Australians.

IT may be late in the day to enthuise over the work with which Liza Lehmann made her great name but this is the children's season, and The Daisy Chain, once reviewed by the memory, almost forces one to recall the exquisitely beautiful pictures it presents in its words and its music. What (asks my correspondent) could be more charactheristic of childhood than the introductory quartette in which the little girl contrasts her pleasures with the very inferior ones, as she thinks, of the Little Indian, Sioux or Crow, and the little frosty Esquimo? Or than the baritone song picturing the old mill with the humming of thunder, and the weir with the wonder of foam, which still perform their daily round when the children have flown away to other lands? The delightful vision of the fairies ringing the sweet little heather bells, the picture of the little girl who got out of bed to took at the stars, the ship that went to the bottom in a storm, but which, in the fancy of the little child, sailed straight into the sun, I wonder if it is approaching the sin of sacrilege to suggest that, if treated with the respect and intelligence which were the dominating features of the interpretation of Mr. J. M. Barrie's Peter Pan, that Liza Lehmann might one day permit a stage presentation of The Daisy Chain? But, oh, how carefully, how reverently it would have to be done!

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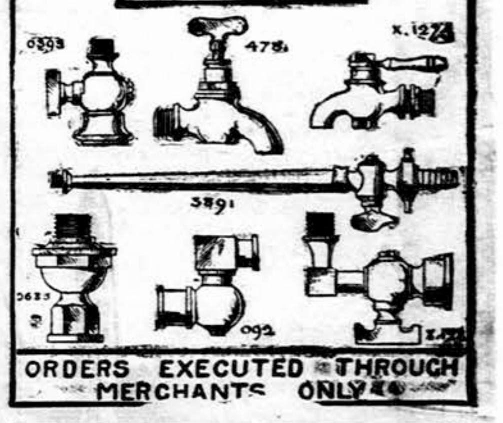

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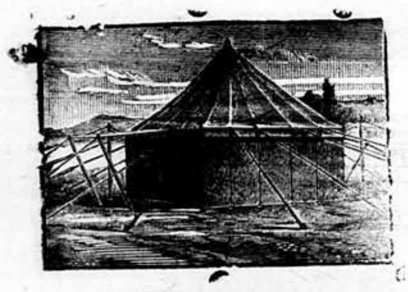
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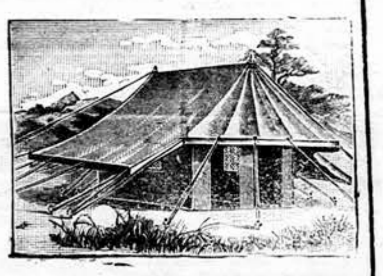
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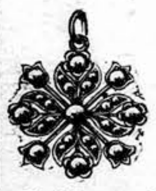
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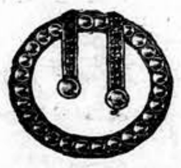
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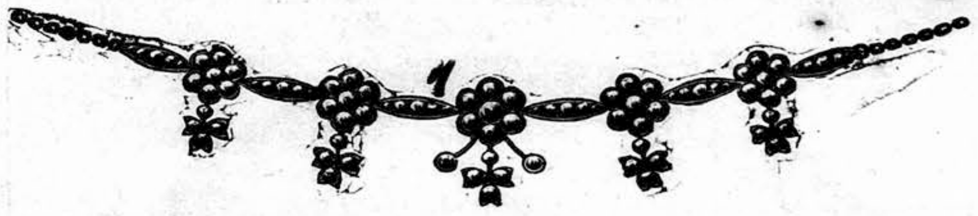
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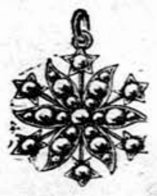
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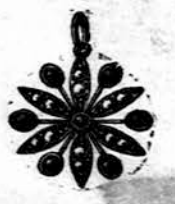
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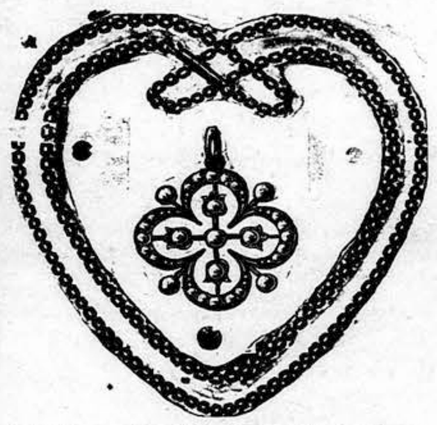
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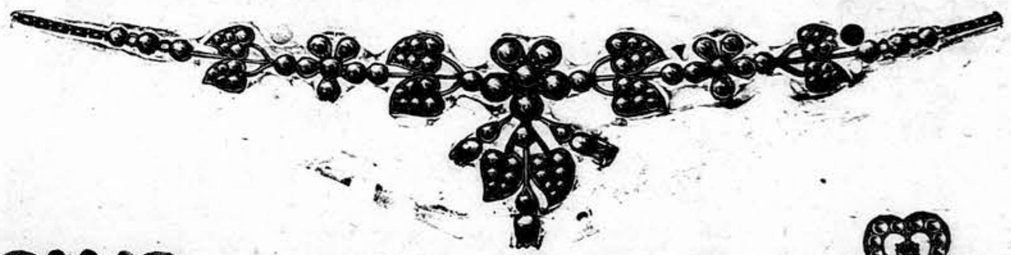
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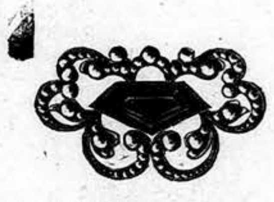
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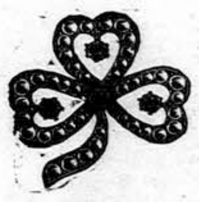
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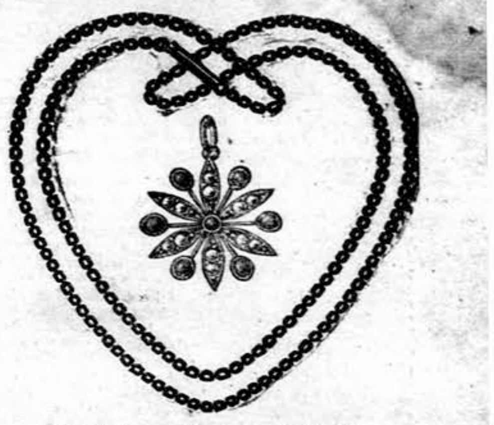
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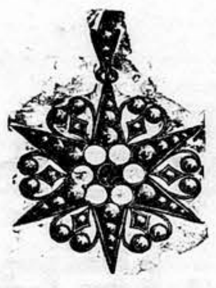
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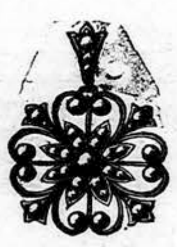
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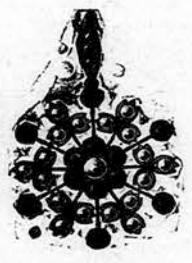
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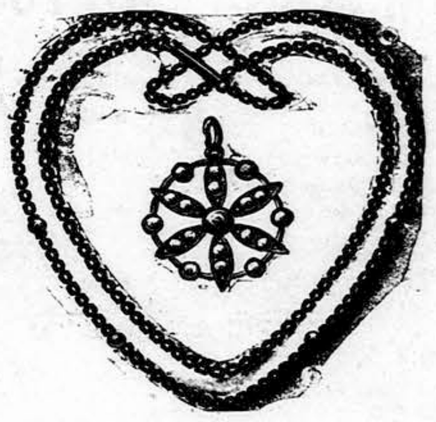
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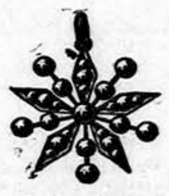
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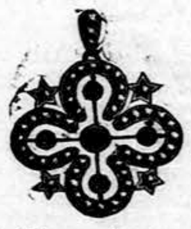
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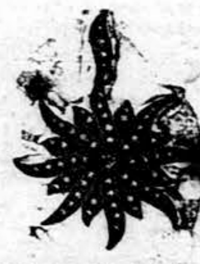
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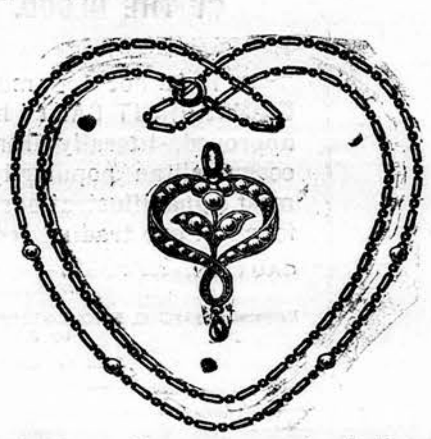
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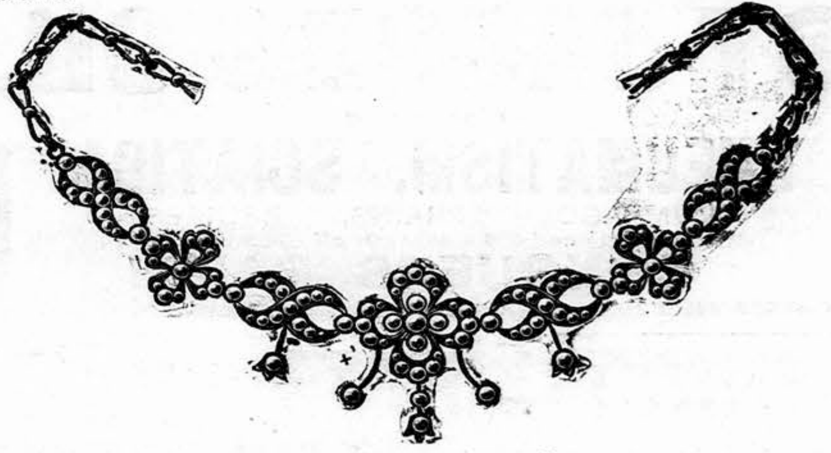
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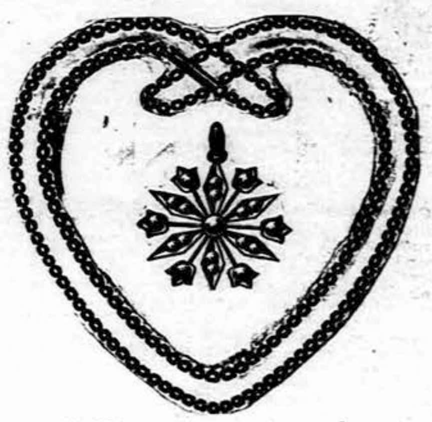
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